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ISRAEL IN MOURNING

B. B. SESSION HERE WILL DISCUSS NEO-NAZISM MENACE

Phil Baum, Foreign Affairs expert of the American Jewish Congress will be the guest of a special session sponsored by B'nai B'rith and Canadian Jewish Congress at the Eastern Canadian Council B'nai B'rith conference on May 5th in Toronto. Mr. Baum will appear with others in a panel entitled "International Anti-semitism and Neo-Nazism: Where Do We Stand?"

Certain recent developments — the Tacuara movement in Argentina, the nationalism prevalent in the new North African states of Algeria and Morocco and the ensuing exodus of the Jews from these countries, the racial tensions in South Africa, the pin-prick excitement engendered by Rockwell, the uncertainties in the Soviet Bloc countries — have stimulated at worst a feeling of panic in some quarters and in others at best a troubling and gnawing sense of basic insecurity.

What is the Jewish man on the street to think: are we living through another period like the 30's and should we make serious efforts to stem what might be a tide again threatening to engulf our people? What lessons have we learned from the Nazi rise from 1933 on? Are we stronger or weaker now to sustain such treatment? Or, is all of this merely a passing phenomenon exaggerated by nervous and hysterical people?

Mr. Phil Baum is in a position to help us obtain some answers. A member of the Bar of New York and Illinois and a former instructor in intergroup relations at the New School for Social Research, he is a Director for the Commission on International Affairs of the American Jewish Congress. He is the author of the White Paper on "The Arab Campaign Against American Jews", a document instrumental in obtaining a resolution from the United States Senate condemning discrimination against American citizens in air bases in the Middle East.

Mr. Baum is an author of the "Black Record: Nasser's Persecution of Egyptian Jewry". He has also written an appraisal of antisemitism, ultra-nationalism and democracy in West Germany. He has travelled in Europe, Israel and the Middle East and brings to the discussion a wealth of experience and the keen eye of a lawyer and group relations practitioner.

PHIL BAUM

TORONTO RABBIS DEPLORE POLITICAL ACTION AGAINST BUILDING OF NEW SYNAGOGUE

Mindful of the decisive role which the Synagogue has played in the maintenance of Jewish life, we, the undersigned Toronto Rabbis, join in addressing the following statement to the Jewish community:

The institution of the Synagogue has been responsible in large measure for the survival of our faith. An analysis of the contemporary Jewish community will show the Synagogue occupying a central position in the orbits of religious and spiritual life and in the education of our children, indispensable for the perpetuation of all Jewish values. Offering opportunities for worship, fellowship, study and youth activities, it contributes greatly to the enrichment of the spiritual, religious and social life of its area.

While the right of individual action and dissent is a distinguishing mark of our democracy, nevertheless there are occasions when the Jewish religious imperative transcends even the valid private concern.

We therefore unanimously declare that to engage in political or civic action in order to obstruct the building of a Synagogue is incompatible with the standards of conduct expected of a religiously and morally responsible Jewish individual.

As long as a proposal to erect a Synagogue conforms with legal requirements, all members of the Jewish community should welcome the establishment of an institution which will serve as a reservoir of spiritual resources not only for its neighbours but also for the community as a whole.

Rabbi Jerald Bobrow; Rabbi Arthur Brodey; Rabbi Louis J. Cashdan; Rabbi Michael Celniker; Rabbi Emil L. Fackenheim; Rabbi Benjamin Hauer; Rabbi Aaron M. Kamerling; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim; Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut; Rabbi Albert Raab; Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg; Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig; Rabbi Erwin Schild; Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger.

For the background of this statement, read Bernice Dyment's Toronto Orbit on Page 6.

LAMENTED BY WORLD JEWRY: YITSHAQ BEN ZVI

Ben Zvi's last words—his proclamation to the Diaspora on the eve of Israel's 15th anniversary, dictated from his sickbed—was wired to us from Jerusalem. It appears on page 5 of this issue.

PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL PASSED AWAY AT 79

100,000 AT THE BEN ZVI FUNERAL

By AARON SARFATI
CJN Correspondent

JERUSALEM—Hundreds of thousands of Israelis followed to his resting place on Har Menuhot the bier of Yitzhaq Ben Zvi, who was president of Israel for eleven years. The 79-year-old head of state died of cancer Tuesday morning, at ten minutes past seven. He is survived by his wife, the writer Rahel Yanait and a son. Another son was killed in Israel's War of Independence.

Ben Zvi, who was born Isaac Shimshelevitsh, in 1884, in the town of Poltava, the Ukraine, settled in Palestine in 1904, as pioneer and laborer. He later studied law at the University of Constantinople (Istanbul) then the capital of the Ottoman Empire, which ruled the Holy Land.

FOUNDER OF POALE ZION

Ben Zvi was one of the founders of the Labor Zionist movement and of the Histadrut. In 1905, he and the late Beer Borochov, founded the World Union of the Labor Zionists (Poale Zion).

During the first World War, the Turkish authorities expelled him from Palestine for pro - Allied activities. Together with Ben Gurion, he then came to the United States and Canada, where he joined the Jewish Legion. Ben Zvi re-entered the Holy Land with

(Continued on Page 5)

Toronto Celebrations Cancelled

Following the demise of Yitzhaq Ben Zvi, president of Israel, **all** Toronto Jewish organizations cancelled their functions scheduled for next week.

- The **Religious Zionists Israeli Independence exercises** scheduled for Sunday evening, April 28th at Shaarei Tefillah will **not** take place.
- Also, the 15th Israel Anniversary reception, organized by the Zionist Organization of Canada for Monday evening April 29th, will **not** take place.

The Government of Canada has wired condolences to Israel's acting president Kadish Luz.

The leaders of all Jewish organizations of Canada cabled their expressions of mourning to Jerusalem.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

FIFTEENTH YEAR

The history of modern Israel reminds one somewhat of the beginnings of the United States of America. Of course, the dissimilarity is obvious: the Arabs are not Indians, nor do any Israelis regard them as such. Furthermore there is the enormous difference in territory as well as the lack of a common historic and religious background, which was apparent at the start of the United States.

However, the likeness in other areas is striking to a student of North American political development. First of all, the history of Israel 1948 will remain in Jewish annals what 1776 is to America. Despite all exaggerations about the role of the United Nations in the creation of Israel, as in the case of the Land of the Free, liberty was not given but taken.

For the first time in two-thousand years, a Jewish revolt against living in the Ghetto and against oppression culminated not in tragedy but in glory of victory. The seven Arab armies which converged upon the tiny state, then a nation of 600,000, were ignominously defeated. Nevertheless, so far as the Israelis were concerned, they did not wish to pursue the war. They were ready to embrace the opponent, the Semitic cousin who never was considered a foe.

Jewish arms which were raised in the underground battle against the British occupation inspired the entire area — as far as the Indian Ocean to the east, Khartum to the southwest and the Magreb to the west. Someone will be able to remind the Arabs some day that those who perished fighting for the end of the British yoke in Palestine and those who later defended the borders of the tiny state, taught the undeveloped, the underdeveloped and the renascent peoples what freedom means and how liberty is conquered.

Another similarity with the United States: as in the days of Washington and Franklin, of all nations, France — the cradle of liberty, equality and fraternity — remains Israel's staunchest ally. This time it is not a colonialist France but a France that practically has lifted from servitude the entire dark continent which is an entente cordiale with the Jewish state, the most humane and liberty loving in the Middle East.

One can go even further. And, when reading one of the Fathers of the American Revolution, John Adams' testament to Americans appears as though written on the eve of this fifteenth anniversary of the Jewish State:

"Posterity! you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent it in heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it."

WEST GERMAN PRESS:

ISRAEL IS IN DANGER

BONN, West Germany (CJN). — Liberal West German newspapers were sceptical in commenting on the planned new Arab federation and some sounded a warning that it presents a new threat to the existence of Israel.

The independent 'Die Welt' of Hamburg, in a front-page editorial, said Israel statesmen now knew that it was a question of "to be or not to be."

"This (new federation) explains and makes understandable their sharp reaction to everything that happens in Cairo," the paper said.

"Much still remains to be done for peace in the Near East. The task of Western diplomacy will not be made easier by the new foundation of the United Arab Republic," "Die Welt" declared.

It said "positive possibilities" presented by a large Arab State were overshadowed by the continued antagonistic attitude of the entire Arab world towards Israel.

ANXIETY OVER NASSER

'Neue Rhein Zeitung' said: "One will have to reckon, in the future, with the energetic attempts of Nasser to 'swallow' the other two countries (Iraq and Syria). Such a development in the permanent centre of crises in the Near East would be cause for anxiety.

"A genuine union of the three countries would present a still greater threat to Israel than that which today undoubtedly exists."

The influential Cairo newspaper 'Al Gomhouria' quoted a member of Egypt's Presidency Council who took part in the merger talks as saying: "The new State from the Euphrates to the Nile will tighten around Israel's neck."

In London, the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" commented: "With tact and skill much good could result from federal partnership in development, from a truce between rival armies and secret police, and from a general doctrine of human rights and tolerance.

"But what guarantee is there of that? The omens are rather that subversion will be carried into the gulf sheikhdoms, and intensified in Jordan and Saudi Arabia."

CHIEF RABBI NISSIM HAILS POPE'S ACTION

Jerusalem, (JCNS) Chief Rabbi Nissim hailed Pope John's encyclical "Peace on Earth" as being worthy of consideration and comment. He said that the Jewish people had always striven for world peace, and that the Pope's call for disarmament and gradual reduction of all arms throughout the world would therefore be received with enthusiastic and active support by all Jews.

Rabbi Nissim also welcomed the Pope's appeal against discrimination and the oppression of minorities and for equality and freedom for all. He added that in this appeal "one might perhaps see an attempt to atone for what was perpetrated against the Jews throughout the years of their exile. Various events, even today, indicate that the rights of man and freedom of worship are not yet guaranteed to all and that hatred is still rampant," and therefore the appeal was timely.

The Chief Rabbi concluded: "Every man of faith and conscience who believes in divine justice and in freedom, must endeavour to bring about the realisation of the Pope's sublime words."

AT TORONTO'S GHETTO OBSERVANCE: The largest Ghetto Revolt memorial in the history of Toronto took place Sunday afternoon at the Beth Tzedec sanctuary. Chairman of the exercises was Meyer W. Gasner. In the program participated: Rabbi Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg; pupils of Toronto schools; Cantor Henry Wahrman; the Hon. John P. Robarts, premier of Ontario; Mordecai Bernstein, noted historian; the Beth Tzedec choir; Gordon Kushner; Paul Kligman and Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress. His excellency, the Lieutenant Governor Keiller Mackay, was present. Over 2000 filled the sanctuary.

In photo above, from left to right: Dr. Perlzweig; premier Robarts; the Lieutenant Governor; and Mordecai Bernstein.

Photo, Globe and Mail

Red Rockets For Egyptians

LONDON (JCNS). — Soviet technicians are installing ground-to-air rocket bases near Cairo, Alexandria and the Suez Canal, according to news agency dispatches from Cairo quoting informed sources.

The bases were being equipped with Russian S.A.2 rockets comparable with the American Hawk missiles being supplied to Israel, according to these sources. Rockets seen near Suez just over a week ago were apparently S.A.2s which the Egyptians are expected to produce publicly during the July anniversary of the Egyptian revolution.

Monday, April 29th, (the 5th of Iyar) is Israel's 15th birthday. Because of the demise of President Ben Zvi our special 15th Anniversary Supplement, scheduled for this issue, is postponed to July.

EPHRAIM AUERBACH

Famous Yiddish Writer will speak about his World War I comrade-in-arms in the Jewish Legion, **Yitzhaq Ben Zvi**, at the Labour Zionist Rally, this Sunday evening, April 28, at Beth Tzedec.

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Slonim and the Jewish State

IS ISRAEL A THEOCRACY?

The Telegram's associate editor, Reuben Slonim, has created a local sensation with a series on Israel. Slonim, a rabbi of a Toronto synagogue before he joined the editorial department of this respected daily, was also a staff-member of the State of Israel Bonds organization until recently. Since the establishment of the Jewish state, he has covered Israel and Jewish affairs for The Telegram and has been its expert on everything pertaining to Judaism and to the State of Israel.

One can barely find in the back issues of **The Telegram** any criticism of Israel. In fact, for years Slonim defended the regime of the Jewish state against the slightest semblance of disagreement or censorship by the opposition. To a certain extent he represented not only newspaper reporting but also the interests of the State of Israel Bonds. In both capacities, as interpreter of the Jewish scene and of Israel to the Canadian reader, he did well.

Because of this background, on April 10th, **The Telegram** distributed a circular letter to the Jewish community signed by the newspaper's editor-in-chief, Mr. J. Douglas MacFarlane, in which our "attention" was "drawn" to a forthcoming series of articles by Rabbi Reuben Slonim. In fairness to the reader, Mr. MacFarlane stressed that Slonim would "deal with the controversial subject of Christian-Jewish relations", among other matters.

From the circulation point-of-view, Slonim's series on Israel constituted a marvelous gimmick. It became the topic of conversation in all the synagogues on the last days of Passover. To our knowledge, at least two rabbis criticized very sharply the writer's attitude.

The average Jewish reader and informed non-Jewish friend of Israel were shocked by the tone of these articles. In some synagogues, there were those who remembered Rabbi Slonim's passionate appeals as representative of the State of Israel Bonds sales organization, delivered from the same pulpits from which these new series now were denounced by the rabbis.

No one contends the right of Reuben Slonim to change his mind. Canada is a land of free speech and freedom of the press. But in the case of Rabbi Reuben Slonim, his accrimonious dissection of Israel upon the occasion of its fifteenth birthday involves more than the liberty to express oneself freely. For, as we have stated, for years Reuben Slonim was the interpreter of the Jewish community and Israel to The Telegram reader, and The Telegram's unofficial ambassador to the Jewish community and to the Jewish state.

If, as Slonim declares, the Christians in Israel suffer so much in the Holy Land under the Israeli yoke, their troubles began on May 15th, 1948. Why, then, has Reuben Slonim failed to report the manifestations of this anguish all these years?

We, Jews, dedicated to the proposition that Israel be a land of freedom for all, would be the first to protest against such intolerance. If Ben Gurion is suppressing Christian expression and oppressing other non-Jews, he has been doing it for many years. All this time Slonim travelled back and forth. Why the silence?

One of his articles, dated April 18th, is entitled: The Fight For Freedom Is Every Man's. Why has Slonim waited until April 18, 1963, to issue this clarion call for freedom?

More serious, and what aroused the consternation within our Jewish community among those who know the facts, is: Slonim is dead wrong, both in his thesis and in his facts.

For example, in the article of April 15th, he makes the first cardinal error —as both rabbi and Jew. He speaks of Christian Jews or Jewish Christians. Since the days of Paul, only missionaries have spoken of Christian Jews or Jewish Christians. For it is they who claim that Christianity is the ultimate fulfillment of Judaism. Jews in Spain chose the auto da fe of the Inquisition to accepting this anti-Jewish belief. They died under Ferdinand and Isabella rather than acquiesce as did Brother Daniel, the hero of Slonim's series:

"I accepted the Christian faith as an evolution of the Jewish faith. For me Jesus Christ is the true Messiah of the Jews."

Reuben Slonim, who had served as rabbi before joining a newspaper, builds up the case of Father Daniel versus the State of Israel as that of the typical victim of Israel's theocratic state. What happened in the case of Brother Daniel? The Carmelite monk, a convert to Catholicism, demanded from the Jewish state to be registered as a Jew, to be accepted as a Jew. He challenged the Supreme Court of Israel to legalize his status as a Jew. Had the Jewish state acted according to the letter of the law of the Torah, Brother Daniel could have been registered as a Jew who sinned and who would be judged by his sins in the world to come—as a Jew. Fortunately, however, Israel is **not** a theocratic state, and the Supreme Court ruled—not according to the Torah but against a narrow-minded interpretation of the Halakha. The State of Israel accepted Brother Daniel as a Christian, as a free citizen of Israel with full rights to live according to his religion which is Catholicism, and not according to an obnoxious racial theory that once born a Jew, always a Jew.

Throughout his series, Slonim speaks of Christian Jews as an accepted term. Would any Christian church consider one a Christian Jew, if let us assume, a counterpart of Brother Daniel were to demand the recognition of the status of a Jewish Christian while rejecting the belief in Christ?

Shall we believe that Reuben Slonim is so naive as not to know the acceptance of Christian Jews as a term in the State of Israel would undermine completely historic Judaism? We have marched through almost two-thousand years of history, defiantly as a separate entity, openly proclaiming that we do not accept the "revelation of Jesus." We respect those who believe in Christianity. The State of Israel, according to all Christian observers — Roman and otherwise — has secured the position and place of Christians in Israel — as Christians. The Jewish people, certainly those determined to continue as Jews, demand from the world the right to dissent, the elementary right of free men to believe or not to believe, according to their conscience.

The most one can say in the defense of Rabbi Slonim is: he has the right to be wrong; he has the right to believe as he wishes now. But, at its best, his theory of Christian Jews is confusion. We refuse to be confused.

It is impossible within this limited space to deal with all the errors of Reuben Slonim in his series. But to say that "Israel is in the grip of a religious monopoly that denies freedom of conscience and promotes intolerance of the Christian minority" (Saturday, April 13th) is a perversion of the truth and misrepresentation of freedom of religion prevailing in Israel.

ITALIAN PILGRIMMAGE TO CAMPS

ROME, (JCNS) A pilgrimage to former Nazi concentration camps including Auschwitz is being organised at the end of next month by the Italian Association of Former Political Deportees.

The special committee organising the pilgrimage includes prominent monarchists. It also includes Signor Glauco Della Porta, Mayor of Rome, Judge Sergio Piperno, President of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Professor Fausto Pitigliani, President of the Rome Jewish Community.

NASSER TO MOROCCO

RABAT, Morocco (JCNS) It now seems certain that President Nasser will come to Morocco in May to attend the "summit" meeting of the "Casablanca Group" and, as a consequence, anti-Israeli comments are appearing more frequently in the local Arabic press.

Last week the following headlines appeared in Arabic papers on one and the same day: "Algerians visit advance posts in front of Israeli border"; "Israel possesses a factory for making prohibited war weapons"; "Israel panicked ;by Arab rockets" "Zionist try to intimidate Arab scientists by sending them bombs in letters."

The following day the Socialist daily, "At Tahrir," reported that 17 Jewish families had left Goulimine (South Morocco) after selling their property and belongings.

It is known that in the months before King Hassan II's official visit to the U.S.A. there was a renewed exodus of immigrants.

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by HARRY GOLDEN

The New York Mets

Nothing in New York City can be a failure, not even the New York Mets. At the moment I write this, the Mets have lost another game, their seventh straight, three of them by shutouts.

But if nothing else, the Mets have inspired some of the most scintillating wit it has ever been the privilege of a ball team to elicit.

One sportswriter has written of them that it is a team like the Mets that gives failure a bad name. Bill Veeck, who has written the introduction to Jimmy Breslin's book about the Mets, "Can't Anybody Here Play This Game?" says it is a team like the Mets that spurs the losers of the world — to rise and lose again.

On one of the kiddie television shows last year an engaging master of ceremonies asked a Met outfielder what was his hardest job in baseball. "Playing behind them jokers at first, second, and third," was the rejoinder.

The Mets say the sportswriters play "shade" baseball. The fans, as it were, pull a shade on the top half of the inning when the visitors are at bat and only watch cursorily.

But when the Mets come up in the bottom half, the fans raise the shade and raise the cheers just as though the score is nothing-to-nothing, which makes the management happy, makes the Mets happy, and certainly makes the visitors happy since the only time it appears the Mets enjoy a nothing-to-nothing advantage is when they are on the road between games.

The Mets don't want to lose ball games any more than radio announcers want to start stuttering; it may well be a combination of congenital and environmental factors that dooms them.

Certainly the disease is well catalogued. The statisticians have come up with the improbable news that the Mets have never won a ball game on a Thursday and perhaps the only way they ever will win a ball game on a Thursday is to let the umpire take his swings with them. The Mets have probably set the cause of competition back two hundred years.

One can only say, along with Shakespeare, "Is it not strange, desire should so many years outlive performance?"

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BETTER NEWS FROM ISRAEL

One of the serious complaints heard from most of the American tourists to Israel is that the food is not Jewish enough. Tourists expect chicken soup and potato pancakes, and instead they are served weiner schnitzel.

The Israeli Tourist office has been worried about this and it conducted a nationwide contest for appropriate recipes to crown the "Queen of the Israel Kitchen."

And who won this contest, "Queen of the Israel Kitchen"? An Arab woman from Nazareth, of course. And she won it with a recipe of artichokes which started out as a French delicacy. The Israeli Tourist Office is right back where it started from unless it finds a way to serve this Arab-French artichoke dish from Nazareth with sour cream.

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JEW FACES GERMAN (4)

by M. J. Nurenberger

A True Christian in Bonn

'Have you ever considered the fact that the leader of the first Jewish revolt was 'assimilated' to the point where Freud doubted his Jewish origin? I believe Moses was Egyptian in behavior, a prince of Pharoah's court down to the minutest detail. He was brought up to worship slavery, he belonged to the enslavers of the Jewish people; yet he was chosen to become their redeemer. In this land of bondage, why could not some Germans collectively become someday, in a sense, the helpers and friends of Israel?"

I smiled. The young man thus talking to me, as in a dream, belongs to one of the new generation obsessed by a guilt complex which has, in turn, become a philo-Semitic mania.

We were passing the old house standing on the corner of Bonngasse in downtown Bonn, the house of Beethoven wnich will probably be revered by humanity till the end of time.

"Why can't you stop thinking for awhile about the bad? Why should only Hitler be associated with us Germans, Hitler the Austrian, and not Beethoven the German?"

Again I smiled. My friend must have noticed the grimace of irony on my face.

"Well," I replied, "for one thing, Beethoven did not become a part of German history, did not influence your people. German arms did not carry the slogan, 'Alle Menschen sind Brueder.' The music which emanated from this corner house somehow escaped the German people throughout history."

"You forget that we too, the Germans, revolted against Hitler. There was the 20th-of-July-1944-plot against Hitler. It failed in its direct objective though it proved that Germany too had its underground against the Nazis."

I wondered whether I should tell my profoundly, believing friend that to this day the men-of-the-20th-of-July somehow do not convince me of the existence of a movement of resistance against the Nazis in the Third Reich. Of course, I admitted that, from 1933 on, there were Germans in concentration camps. The Nazis succeeded in terrorizing and subduing great Germans. However, in my opinion, this veneration of the men-of-the-20th-of-July, which may appeal to some Germans and is perhaps necessary for the re-education of the German youth as a symbol, lacks in some essential features. One should never forget, I added, that in all the memoranda and statements published or disseminated clandestinely by the group-of-the-20th-of-July, there was one predominant anti-Nazi argument: Hitler was the wrong leader, he hurt Germany, he endangered Germany's future.

But what is missing basically in this story-of-the-20th-of-July is compassion and a feeling of solidarity with non-German victims of Nazism. After all, I continued, one should never forget that Hitler was the only dictator in human history democratically elected under the slogan of oppressing others, exterminating others so that the Germans should have Lebenstraum. He was voted into office while Mussolini, for example, imposed himself as a dictator.

There was a Moses in Egypt because Moses "slew the Egyptian", killed the killer. Then he became the leader of resistance to tyranny and the liberation of the oppressed.

Mussolini was executed by the Italian people whereas Hitler, had he survived the war, might have created disputes among the Germans as to whether the trial against him was legal—as I noticed at the time I covered the Nuremberg Tribunal where his henchmen stood before the bar of justice.

My companion understood me but he nevertheless said: maybe our temperament differs. However you will find great men in Germany, great souls. It will convince you that, to a certain extent, the moral re-awakening in our country is greater and much more profound than anywhere else in Europe.

To a degree, this is true. It would be unfair to deny that soul-searching has become, to a point, a national sport in present day Germany. Today fewer people are there who would disclaim knowing about the evil doings of Hitler. I remember that in 1945 such statements were almost the classic reply of the average German when queried about his role in the Hitler period. Now the answer is more realistic, more sincere and thus perhaps symbolic of the birth of a feeling of responsibility for the German past. Some Germans sneer at it. They say that self-accusation and a guilt complex are tantamount to self-humiliation.

I don't believe that. In my tradition, mea culpa is the Yom Kippur period of one ready for purification. And he who denies that the German nation needs atonement, a collective expression of mea maxima culpa is opposed to a moral renaissance of the German nation; he is not their friend.

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I thought of all this the same evening I was in the office of the president of the German parliament, waiting to be received by Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier. I knew he was also one of the 20th-of-July group.

However, Dr. Gerstenmaier, a profoundly believing Christian, was not motivated to play his role in the plot by strategic considerations. His opposition to Hitler came much earlier.

He possesses this compassion, this feeling of kindness and other laughed upon burgeois virtues which make man different from animal. He is a remarkable man, this Dr. Gerstenmaier, a theologian who believes in what he preaches, a politician with ethics and morals. He is one of the Germans who strengthened my belief that something different is brewing between the Rhine and the Elbe.

When we finally sat down to the long interview, facing each other, perhaps for the first time after my arrival in Germany, I was not conscious of a wall between us. For Dr. Gerstenmaier himself went through concentration camps — for his beliefs. And when one talks with such a man, the feeling of reserve disappears. One can speak candidly, openly, heart to heart. The recompense is, after an hour of such an interview, that of elation of the spirit.

Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier with Ben Gurion in Jerusalem, last winter.

I told Dr. Gerstenmaier quite undiplomatically that I was averse to the German-Israeli reparations deal.

— Why?

— Because I did not believe that we, the Jews, ought to enter into any negotiations with you, the Germans. In 1945 we could have demanded reparations through the Allies or the United Nations. In fact, at that time I felt we had the right to enter Germany in bands and take whatever we wanted. Second, I believe that Maimonides stated it clearly: it is forbidden to accept reparations from a murderer.

Dr. Gerstenmaier became interested in this last remark. He wanted to know where Maimonides had said this. I gave him the source. But I noticed that the realistic statesman and shrewd politician seemed amused at my suggestion that a third part would have claimed financial reparations from Germany. I saw that he was right, I was wrong. And I added, there apparently is a common denominator between Germans and Jews: they both believe that others will fight their battles....

Gerstenmaier then began his profound and brilliant expounding of his views. He said:

— The Germans are responsible for the emergence of the State of Israel. Had it not been for the cruel treatment given the Jews by the Hitler regime, who knows if a Jewish state would have come into being? It is doubtful whether so many European Jews would have migrated to Palestine had it not been for the persecutions and threats of extermination. Thus, in the negative sense Israel also is a creation of the German nation. In a positive sense, we, the leaders of the German people who assume the responsibility for German history, are bound to help secure the existence of the Jewish state. Thus the reparations agreement has led to further co-operation in the interests of Israel and with the objective of the purification of the German people. Of course, German aid to Israel will not cease with the termination of the reparations agreement, especially not German interest and a feeling of sharing in the progress of the Jewish state.

The president of the Bundestag then proceeded to discuss the diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the Federal Republic.

Dr. Gerstenmaier read to me excerpts of a letter pertaining to this problem. He stated that in 1963 such relations definitely will be established officially despite the fact that the Arab states threaten Bonn with recognition of East Germany should West Germany exchange ambassadors with Israel on an official basis.

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When I spoke to Dr. Gerstenmaier (on January 23rd), I already was aware of the activities of German scientists in Cairo. At that time he informed me that his government had made many efforts to force these people to return home. In one case, the United Arab Republic had deposited in Switzerland 2,000,000 Swiss francs to the account of one German scientist to induce him to go to Cairo. The German government remained helpless.

I was anxious to learn from Dr. Gerstenmaier just what would have happened had these same scientists gone to Moscow to work for the Russians. But I kept silent on this point.

I knew Dr. Gerstenmaier to be the most active proponent within Germany's leading circles of a policy to risk Arab friendship by defending Israel at all cost. For reconciliation with Israel and the Jewish people is, in the minds of men such as Gerstenmaier, important from the point of view of moral salvation of the German nation.

When one seeks symptoms of Germany's rebirth as a nation of culture, an opinion by Dr. Gerstenmaier is the authority. Dr. Gerstenmaier sees very little hope that his generation will "surmount" the past. He quotes a German publisher in stating that some Germans "live among the ruins of their history", but not all of them know it. However, the majority of the Germans, according to philosopher Gerstenmaier, have changed, from the most synchronized people and most subservient to the authority of the state, to perhaps the most non-conformist of all peoples.

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Though one would be more sensitive to any symptom of racialism here, the facts bear out Dr. Gerstenmaier's statement that "the national consciousness of the German people is almost rid of this Nazi racial phobia and of perverted nationalistic ambitions." That is why, he says, the majority of Germans do not accept anymore the cliche of: right or wrong, my country.

Silence in Germany, when one is confronted by embarrassing questions, is not always a sign of escaping reality, he claims. It is often the silence of shame, heartache and guilt when facing Jews. Dr. Gerstenmaier quotes Job:

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

I don't know how many such Jobs are in Germany. Perhaps fewer than Dr. Gerstenmaier imagines, certainly not too many among the older generation. Yet I saw and spoke to many more than I had expected to find, especially among the younger element.

Thus it is difficult to affirm that Beethoven's tune is completely unheard in Germany. Some tend to exaggerate the outcry of conscience. As a friend of mine said, quoting Goethe:

"Germany is nothing, but each individual German is much; and yet they tend to believe just the opposite. Germans should be displaced and dispersed as the Jews are throughout the world in order to develop the good within them for the benefit of all nations."

Another day in Germany, another confusion. Where lies the truth?

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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Current events in the 1963 Toronto UJA campaign)

● A meeting to discuss the campaign of the **Treasury Gifts Division** on behalf of the 1963 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto will be held Trursday, May 2 at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Murray Rumack, chairman of the division.

Rumack said the meeting has been called to explore approaches to Jewish societies and fraternal organizations in the community in seeking treasury donations to the 1963 drive....

● **The Hardware, Housewares and Toys Group** held its opening meeting recently at the home of Samuel Ruben, 30 Sulgrave Crescent. Serving as co-chairmen are: Karl Bald and Nick Ehrenfeldt. Associate chairmen are: Benjamin Casselman, Morley Page and Benjamin Wilson....

● **The Opticians and Optometrists Group** has begun its campaign, with David R. Josephson and Farrel P. Cole serving as co-chairmen....

● **The Pharmacists Group** is being led by Leslie Dan and Nathan Kaufman, co-chairmen....

● **The Jewelry Group** held a report meeting recently at 150 Beverly Street. Co-chairmen are: Louis Libman and Bernard Sussman. Associate chairmen are: Mark Gross and Harry Kash, and special assistance is being given by Irving and Nathan Hennick....

● **Construction Division** recently held its first all-day blitz at the Regency Towers....

TO VISIT ONTARIO

Woolf Perry, Deputy Chairman of the World Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal is coming to Toronto on behalf of The United Israel Appeal and will address during his brief stay in the Province several important meetings in Belleville, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Kitchener, London and Toronto.

Mr. Perry is the youngest and one of the most energetic members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization. He is the former President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland of which he is now Honorary Vice President. He is also member of the World Jewish Congress.

Mr. Perry will be accompanied during his travels in this Province by Dr. George J. Liban, Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of Canada and Fund Raising Director for this Province.

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AUERBACH AT SEVENTY

TORONTO FETES A POET

Yiddish poet Ephraim Auerbach, now a guest of Toronto's Jewish community, is being honored by the Labor Zionist Movement and all lovers of Yiddish letters upon the occasion of his seventieth birthday. Very few deserved such recognition from the Labor Zionists as does Auerbach. From his early youth at a period when most Yiddish writers were outside the Zionist fold, Auerbach sang impressively, poignantly the song of Zion. He has helped orientate the Jewish labor movement towards the ideal of national Jewish renaissance and influenced the democratic-socialists in America to the workers in Zion.

LAUDABLE INITIATIVE

FRENCH CANADA AND ISRAEL

David Rivlin, Montreal's new Israeli Consul General, deserves our gratitude for his initiative in helping launch "les Amities Culturelles Quebec-Israel".

He is one of the few foreign Jewish emissaries who has grasped immediately the importance of establishing Zionist roots within the French-Canadian community, so long neglected by Canadian Jewish leadership.

Judge Henry Batshaw of Quebec's Superior Court and I. Lussier of the University of Montreal are to be congratulated for their invaluable assistance in creating this non-sectarian, non-partisan Quebec-Israel cultural committee.

Israel's ties with France and French culture, wherever it flourishes, are profound indeed. It is time we bring it to the attention of French Canadians.

M.E. CRISIS

ARAB UNITY?

Experience of the past decade has taught that nothing may be taken for granted in the Arab world. It is too early to say how far the decisions on the creation of an Arab Federation, just taken in Cairo, will actually be implemented.

Undoubtedly the overwhelming majority of Arabs favor unity in principle, but almost as many are opposed to Egyptian domination or incorporation into a totalitarian state along Nasserist lines. Neither the Iraqi nor the Syrian revolutions of this year have in any way invalidated the lessons of the break-up of the United Arab Republic in 1961. Though Nasser in many ways symbolizes Arab unity, his policies and attitudes have constituted one of the major obstacles to its realization. It will, for example, be no simple matter for Nasser to agree to the existence of press and political freedoms and scope for private enterprise in Syria and Iraq while continuing to refuse them to Egyptians.

Indeed, any loose federation could conceivably endanger his monolithic control over Egypt. One clause in the new federation's constitution supported by all participants is to be the "liberation of Palestine", that is to say, war against Israel.

This is a matter which the United Nations should take up, if it is true to its charter. And whether the U.N. does its duty or not, Israel cannot but be on her guard.

WELCOME INITIATIVE

POPE JOHN'S MESSAGE

Pope John's excision of references to "perfidious Jews" in the Catholic liturgy no less than his recent encyclical on world political affairs, symbolizes the present Pope's attitude and impact.

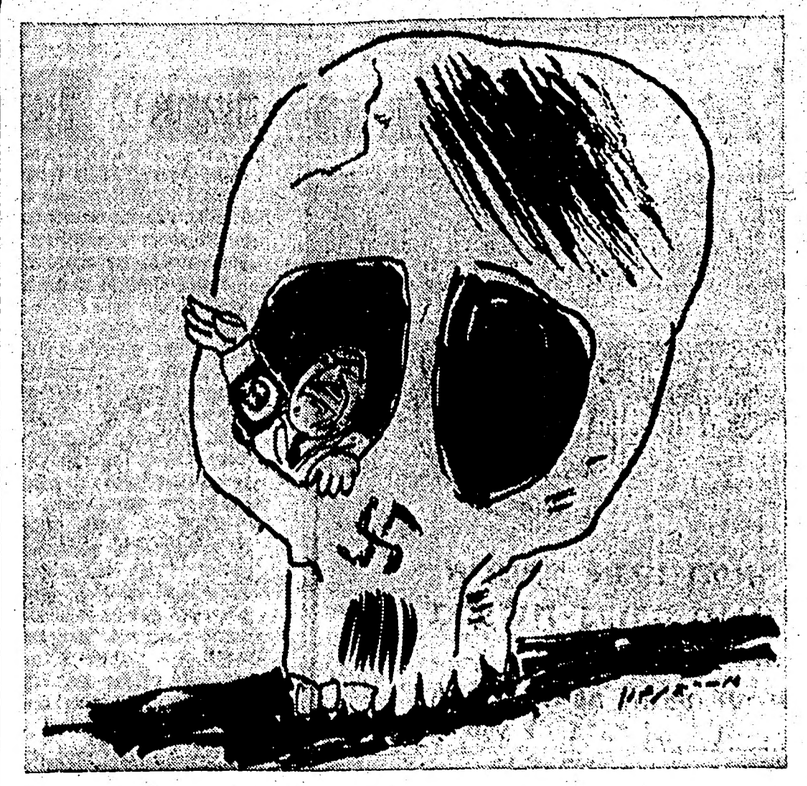
Whereas previous Pontiffs have frequently been accused of having been behind both times and flocks, the present octogenarian incumbent is manifestly leading.

Since his accession he has done more to further the cause of toleration, mutual understanding and possible eventual unity between Rome and the other Christian churches than had been achieved during all the previous centuries. He has taken every opportunity to show his good will towards the Jews and where possible redress wrongs.

He has done much to attune Catholic thinking to the realities of the modern world and has set the tone of warm compassionate feeling towards all men, thereby strengthening his Church at a critical period in Western history.

Though every religious community has its own specific problems, certain morals can be drawn from his policy. It has shown that readiness to subject hallowed doctrines and practices to the most searching examination is fully compatible with the most absolute faith, and that righteousness is not the same as selfrighteousness.

It has become clear that people are as hungry for spiritual guidance as they are repelled by inter-denominational barriers and conflicts.



AFTER THIRTY YEARS: A different moustache, an Egyptian accent, — but the same ugly face ...
Navon, Davar, Tel Aviv.

Israel

by Ephraim Auerbach

In the streets of Jaffa twisted and ancient,
Are Jews more twisted and ancient than they.
Birds come here — decrepit and spent,
With sithered wings, with shrieks of decay.
An open door here is shut like a bin,
The day is stale like leftover tea.
But the Yiddish here's a colourful arras,
Word is a pool shimmering, wondrous
I thirstily quaff
The darkling draught.

In the curling, wooly Lamed of Volin,
In the palpable, pastoral Bessarabian Pay,
The Polish Samach like velveteen,
In the sprawling, yawning Podolya Hay,
In Lithuanian O with coppery sheen,
In broadened Ais and shortened ees,
In all the Ays and Bees and Cees,
The Yiddish grass grows green.

When the silvery city draws its light from spigots,
Jaffa's still hooded in shadows of night;
But today for the feast she rose early, and nuggets
Of gold gleam in her hair sunbright.
Already waning, the sandy trinkets
She tucked in her locks with girlish delight—
With a lilt and 'he's here, Israel my Bridegroom',
On her face the smile of a maiden in bloom.
Come, strike up the wedding band
For a people and its land.

—from "Di Vise" Shtut", a poem written to commemorate the first Independence Day of Israel — (The White City Is Tel Aviv).
TRANSLATED BY ADAH LAPPIN

Canadian Panorama

by Mordecai Hirshenson

When B'nai Brith Meets

This year in the first weekend in May Toronto is to be the seat of the Conference of the Eastern Canadian Council of B'nai B'rith. This conference is to be an historic one in the growth of this great fraternal order for it is to be the last but one before the Eastern Canadian Council becomes a new district — a distinct Canadian Grand Lodge. It will mark the final coming of age of B'nai B'rith in Canada for though lodges and chapters have been proliferating in the country since the 1870's there has never been an independent Canadian district which was not tied to the grand lodges which have their seat in the friendly republic to the south.

Various and mixed thoughts occur to one as one considers what is about to happen. For one thing there may be something lost in the dropping of close ties with the brethren in New England and New York state. In addition to its positive aspects nationalism also has its negative side and it is to be hoped that Canadian B'nai B'rith that is to be, will not lose the sense of internationalism that is so much a part of B'nai B'rith spirit. The decision, however, has been made; we believe it is on the whole a good one: it was made with full knowledge of all the implications and there is full confidence that the move is for the best.

There is an interesting historic parallel. Almost a hundred years ago when the provinces of British North America came together to form Canada through Confederation it was almost exactly the same area that united the four eastern provinces comprising Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Within a few years British Columbia joined and then the prairies came along. It is noteworthy that almost a century later the same laws of geography are in operation despite the tremendous advances in communication. It is still the four eastern provinces that form the nucleus and initiative for Canadian union. Let us hope that the rest of Canada's B'nai B'rith lodges in the west will follow the example set by Canadian Confederation and with the same alacrity.

Battle of the Calendar

The battle of the commemorative date for the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising has been solved for the time being at least in Toronto. This conflict, which has been going on for some years, centres on which date should be followed: the actual day on which fighting broke out or the date determined by the Rabbinate.

Why should there be any conflict at all? When the fighting first broke out it was April 19th which on that year (1943) fell on the second Seder night. In later years, when it became a practice to institute ceremonies of memorial and since Jewish tradition does not permit mourning on a holiday it was agreed by religious authorities that the event be observed on the 27th day of Nissan—several days after the end of Passover. This was accepted by the Knesset and also proclaimed by the World Jewish Congress.

The secularist element in Jewish life comprising the Bundists, Socialists, Yiddishists and other cultur-ists have not agreed to this change They insist on keeping the original date - April 19th on the Gregorian calendar irrespective of how it coincides with the Jewish calendar, and their organ - the World Yiddish Culture Farayn - has been promoting the April 19th date.

In Toronto the public memorial meeting which took place this week (on the 27th of Nissan) sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress had as an active part of its organizing committee members of the Arbeter Ring which is committed to the April 19th date. One of the two main guest speakers, Mordechai Bernstein, is himself a "Bundist". In Toronto it seems the Bundist-secularist element was not intransigent on this point and co-operated with the rest of the community.

Krieghoff a Jew?

Some time ago a writer attempted to prove that Cornelius Krieghoff, the famous Canadian painter of the 19th Century, was a Jew, or of Jewish- parentage. The line of argumentation was based on a rather flimsy foundation, reminiscent perhaps of some of the argumets used to prove that Columbus was a Jew. There was no definite verification that Krieghoff was a Catholic, or that he adhered to any of the various Protestant denominations. It "could therefore be assumed with some degree of likelihood" — the phrase goes in that style when one is not sure of one's ground—that it was not impossible that Krieghoff might have been of Israelitic descent. This was the "negative" proof of Mr. Krieghoff's "Jewishness."

However Mr. McIntyre Hood, a correspondent in England for a number of Canadian dailes, has no such inhibitions about caution or exactness. In a story about how well Krieghoff's canvasses are selling in Europe. which apeared in the Sarnia Observer *he writes as follows:*

"Cornelius Krieghoff was born in the Netherlands and was of Jewish descent."

There it is, and Mr. McIntyre Hood has no if's, and's or but's.

USSR HONORS JEWISH WRITER

MOSCOW (JCNS). — The Supreme Council of the Moldavian Soviet Republic has awarded Jeshial Shreibman, a leading Jewish novelist, with the order of Merit of the Moldavian Republic. The award was made on the occasion of Shreibman's 50th birthday, which was also celebrated by a special gathering of Jewish writers and intellectuals at Kishinev.

Writing on the occasion of Shreibman's jubilee as a novelist the "Sovietskaya Moldavia" described him as "the master of Jewish prose." Warm tributes were also paid to him by the Moldavian Writers' Union, by a number of writers in Russia and by the Editorial Board of "Sovietish Heimland".

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

TO HEAR AND TO DO

This week's reading from the Torah can be a stumbling block to those for whom the rational faculties of man are meant to serve a more lofty purpose than that of merely bolstering up an already held "a priori" theological position. The fundamentalist can, no doubt, by that strange psychological mechanism which protects him, read as the word of God prescriptions concerning the treatment of leprosy which bear no relationship to the modern scientific medical approach. The non-fundamentalist, through all his various shades, might well ask, to a greater or lesser degree of intensity, whether or not something is wrong with what purport to be medical recommendations on which neither he nor the fundamentalist would even dream of acting were the dire plague of leprosy to hit, in the twentieth century, closer to Jewish home than the depths of darkest Africa. However great his faith in Biblical rules and rabbinic regulations, he would have greater faith in penicillin.

Our reading merely underlines what we should also derive from other less obvious readings. When we open the Sefer Torah and read from it in public, we do not so much affirm as quote. With regard to some outmoded conceptions this is evident, and also with regard to certain dated ritual, but unquestionably so with regard to theological medicine — "religious" attitudes toward leprosy. But merely quoting from the Torah "per se" is of antiquarian significance only. The real problem is whether the Torah can have a meaning for us today.

A modern approach to an understanding of the significance of the Torah underlines first of all the importance of seeing it in terms of its historical context. The very language of the Torah and its very prescriptions indicate that although the Revelation comes from God, the formulation is of man. By seeing it thus in its context and, consequently, judging it by ancient and not by contemporary moral and religious criteria, we get some impression of the immensity of the spiritual stature of our forbearers within the framework of their own world.

Such an appreciation leads us, secondly, to self-analysis as a People: to a consideration of whether we, their descendants, likewise strive under God to be distinguished in our daily lives — whether as a group or as individuals — from some of the more depraved moral standards of contemporary life. Thirdly, and perhaps most important the incentive to self-analysis as a People and to subsequent attempts — at moral advance is seen to derive from reflection of an early and somewhat more childlike and pure approach to God and the Universe. This, in itself, intensifies the very possibility of becoming moralised and perfected by the Torah.

As we quote our Childhood Diary we in fact identify ourselves with four thousand years of Jewish history. We become old as Jews, however young we may be as men and women. By becoming thus old we become the more responsible. Ethical sensitivity grounded in the historical dimension is what, in the last resort, originally produced the Torah in the fullest sense of that word — and will again enable it to become our life and the length of our days if only we but will it.

Dateline: NEW YORK

By Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

"The Wall"

The Supreme Court decision of last June, which ruled that the New York Regents' non-denominational school prayer is unconstitutional, has sparked off a continuing debate between the purist defenders of "separation of Church and State" and those advocating a reinterpretation of the First Amendment in tune with the spirit of 1963.

Besides numerous local organisations which sponsored lectures and "dialogues" on this issue of current universal interest, the Rabbinical Assembly of America recently held a seminar on "Religion and State" with Rabbi Seymour Siegel in the chair. (He coined the much-quoted "bon mot": "We have been brainwashed by the defence organisations.")

Rabbi Harry Halpern pleaded for keeping "The Wall of Separation" inviolate, while this writer advocated a realistic attitude of discarding what has become a fetish. In the discussion following the main presentations, Rabbi Halpern's opinion predominated. Yet, the minority has been gaining strength, as many rabbis and lay leaders take independently stock of "the accepted position", which is opposed by virtually all Jewish scholars of seminary affiliation.

Among the recent outspoken critics of the purist interpretation of "The Wall" is Rabbi Louis Finkelstein. Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He exposed the incongruity of the fact that "teaching religion is not permitted in any of the tax-supported institutions, though apparently teaching non-religion is permitted. So a biologist can say that he does not believe in God or that he thinks man is an 'accident'. But if a religious person said that biology cannot be understood without reference to a wise Creator, he might be fired for trying to 'indoctrinate' his pupils'."

Callous Consistency

Like many U.S.A. school boards, the New York "Board" has frequently rented unused school property to religious schools in need of classrooms in a public school.

The application was shelved and Mr. Max J. Rubin, president of the New York City Board of Education, said that before making a decision he would ask for expert legal guidance on the constitutional propriety of leasing public school facilities to a school sponsored by a religious body. He also stated that the fact that public school property has been leased to religious schools in the past, "doesn't make it legal".

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress, amongst other organisations, are exerting pressure on Mr. Rubin and the Board to safeguard the Constitution by not renting classrooms to the Beth Jacob School—or any other school under religious auspices. They argue that public education must be protected against "commingling with religion." Even many of those who defend the Supreme Court Decision on the Regents' Prayer hold that to deny schools under religious auspices the relief of leasing unused school property is "callous consistency."

Kashrut Scandals

Kashrut scandals are endemic and epidemic in the U.S.A. Jewish community. An especially unsavory "incident" in a New York suburban area is now engaging the courts and has received much publicity. Angered by the Chillul Hashem desecration of the Holy Name of rabbis being summoned to court for alleged violations of the New York State Law, which penalises misrepresenting as Kosher what is treifa, Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky, a prominent Conservative rabbi wrote in the Newark "Jewish News" that "organised orthodoxy has enough lung power and persistence to publicly burn books on Judaism that they don't like, and to proclaim loudly the 'heresy' involved in the new Jewish Publication Society translation of the Torah. But why," asks Rabbi Levitsky, "can't they take a little time and put forth a little effort to clean house and restore dignity to Jewish life in an area where they have no interference from anybody? Why must they wait for the State to do it?"

Synagogue Cum Museum

Philadelphia's Beth Sholom Synagogue, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, has become such a popular tourist attraction that the congregation had to engage a "museum guard" to enforce rules prohibiting the opening of the Ark and mounting cameras on the pulpit. On many Friday evenings, "bus loads" of church groups join the congregation for "Late Services" and the One Shabbat.

According to Rabbi Manuel Gold, the Christian visitors are profoundly impressed by the Synagogue tower built in the form of Mr. Wright's vision of Mount Sinai. The synagogue proper has the shape of "an esthetically distorted hexagon," symbolising the hands of God.

"When a man enters a place of worship, he should feel as if he were resting in the hands of God," the late Mr. Wright told Rabbi Mortimer J. Cohen, the senior spiritual leader of Beth Sholom, who co-operated with the architect in planning the structure. Like other buildings designed by Wright, Beth Sholom is "controversial." The symbolism of "God's hands," in particular, seems overly anthropomorphic to many visitors.

Old Quarrel

"Lamishpachah" (for the Family), the new Hebrew monthly published by the Histadrut Ivrit, was not well received, although it is an exceptionally well-produced color-printing job. The critics say that as far as contents is concerned, the new magazine is trite, untopical and lacking in editorial imagination.

"Lamishpachah" is aimed at the tens of thousands of recent and not so recent graduates of the Hebrew Day Schools and Afternoon Hebrew Schools with advanced programmes who find "Hadoar" (The Post), the He-

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Israel's 15th Year

As the Fifteenth Independence Day of Israel approaches, I send my most sincere greetings to all the House of Israel.

May blessings descend upon the Defence Forces of Israel, alert and vigilant to protect the Homeland, on the pioneers of settlements and the builders of the national economy in agriculture, industry and trade, and upon all who are at pains to advance the education of the people, its culture and the teaching of its language!

And may blessings descend, as well, upon men of research and of science, helping in mind and hand to uplift the prestige of Israel, to gather in brothers from dispersion and mould them into a single nation, free and creative on the ancestral soil! May they be rewarded!

Let us be at one, on this Day of Independence, with all who gave their lives on the altar of the Homeland, the heroes to whom, as to their families, our debt is immeasurable. Let us stand silent in homage to their glorious memory.

This has been a year to honour the "First Ones", the first to have the vision, the first to realize it, the men who, by prophetic power, by the spirit of pioneering that pulsed in their hearts, by the toil of their own hands, forged the foundations of the State whose fifteenth birthday we celebrate today.

We now move on to the sixteenth year of independence, in full awareness of this enterprise of redemption and revival. Let us double and triple our efforts, each one of us, day in day out, to achieve our great mission — the strong foundation of our State, the revelation and development of our country's latent power, the enlightenment of our myriad newcomers.

It is our State's most earnest wish to see peace established throughout the world, both as a loyal member of the family of nations and as a nation, with bitter experience of barbarity, that has now shouldered the task of making its deserts bloom again.

There is a special prayer upon our lips for the welfare of that part of the world in which we dwell.

The political upheavals which, day after day, convulse adjacent territories do not abate our endeavours or weaken our faith that the peace we look to between us and our neighbours will surely come. Now, as in the past, we stretch out our hands for peace towards them. We pray that, in the course of time, they will realize that only mutual understanding and co-operation with Israel can bring about enduring security, progress and well-being for the lands of the entire region.

But, so long as our neighbours threaten, night and day, that they mean to destroy us, it is our duty to increase our military preparedness and apply ourselves to the unceasing development of the strength of our Army, in which our trust is placed.

My warmest greetings are sent from Zion and Jerusalem to all our brethren, wherever they be. May all of them be blessed that aid us from afar in the aliyah of less-fortunate fellow-Jews and their integration in the Homeland, the up-building of our country and the reinforcement of its economy! May their hearts draw pride and comfort from the achievement of our State!

My fraternal salutations go to all who themselves turn their gaze upon aliyah to the Homeland. May it be the Divine Will that, before long, it will be our privilege to behold the realization of their yearnings!

LUZ ACTING PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM (CJN)—The Knesset has appointed the Speaker, Kadish Luz, as Acting President of Israel.

SPAAK CANCELS VISIT

JERUSALEM (CJN)—The visit of Belgian Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak, who was to arrive here Tuesday, has been postponed at Israel' request because of the death of President Ben-Zvi.

TORONTONIANS WITH BEN ZVI

MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE JEWISH LEGION AT THE REUNION HELD AT MURRAY HOUSE, TORONTO, IN 1949: Front row - left to right —Basil Gelfant (deceased); Charles Fenkel (deceased), Joseph Laywine. Second Row - left to right —Isadore Katz, Major A. H. Friedgut, Sgt. M. Isaacs, President Ben Zvi, Max Kramer, (deceased), Charles Pascoe, Samuel Goldenhar (deceased), Louis Mintz. Third Row - left to right — Harry Freeman, Morris Cooper, William Eisenberg, Samuel Feldman, Samuel Kermerman, Charles Oelbaum, Gabriel Cainer (deceased), Samuel Bayefsky (deceased), Louis Eisenberg, Hyman Weiss, Max Feldman, Joseph Berenbaum, Samuel Eisenberg, Joseph Lee, Sgt. Jack Arons, Bert Feldman. Top Row — Aaron Arlove, Joseph Gordon, Isaac Lewis, William Waterman, Lawrence Libgott.

Ben Zvi's Death Mourned By The Israel Bond Organization Of Canada

"Word of the death of the President of Israel, Itzhak Ben Zvi, saddens Jews throughout the world", stated D. Lou Harris of Toronto, National Chairman of the State of Israel Bond Organization of Canada.

On learning of the passing overnight of the three-term President of Israel, Mr. Harris who was a personal friend of the late head of State, said: "As Chairman of the State of Israel Bond Organization of Canada, an organization intimately associated with the economic development of Israel, we grieve at the death of this great man of literature, culture, arts and above all, peace. I had had meetings with him several times during his Presidency, but one of the most unforgettable incidents in the memory of Toronto Jewry was the visit of Itzhak Ben Zvi, veteran of the First World War, to Toronto on January 9, 1949, when he was a guest of his comrades in General Wingate Branch, (formerly the Jewish Branch) of the Canadian Legion, at a reception at Murray House, owned and operated by Sergeant Jack Aarons one month prior to Ben Zvis becoming President of Israel. It was a wonderful reunion for him with his comrades from Toronto who served with him in the 40th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, under General Allenby in the recapture of Palestine from Turkish rule," he said.

"He was a great but modest man", continued Mr. Harris. "He had a sense of understanding not only of his own people but of the great destiny of the country to which he dedicated his life — first as Palestine, and then as Israel. His whole life personified democracy and democratic ideals in the truest sense of the terms. His influence and prestige flowed beyond the borders of his own country and his devotion to all peaceful causes leave an indelible mark throughout the free world. We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to his family and to the people of Israel on his passing", said Mr. Harris.

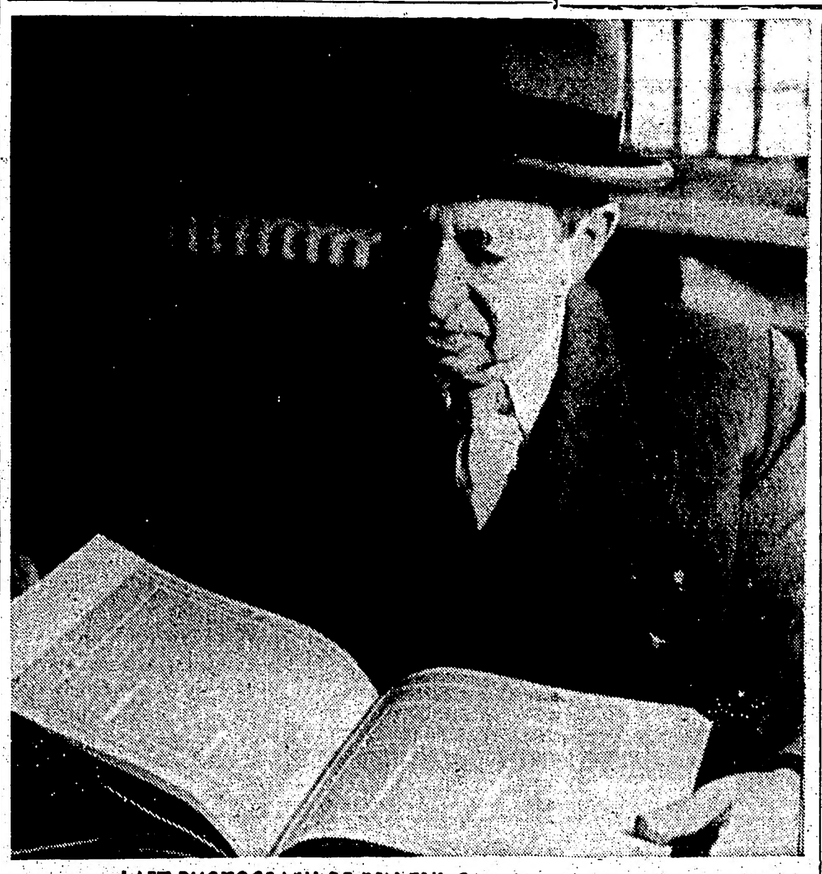
Labor Party Hails New Arab Regimes

LONDON (JCNS). — Recommendations for a new policy statement of the Labour Party in regard to the problems of the Middle East, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, will be considered by the National Executive in two weeks' time.

They are contained in a draft document prepared by the research group and international affairs experts at Transport House and will be made public only if and when the National Executive gives them its approval. One of the eight recommendations calls for a public appeal by the Labour Party to all States in the Middle East "to foreswear the acquisition of any but conventional weapons." Another urges Britain to support any fresh initiative for a peace settlement, by direct negotiation, between Israel and the Arab States.

The Labour Party is recommended to support efforts to achieve "a controlled and balanced disarmament programme under U.N. inspection" and also a peace settlement which would include the recognition of Israel by the Arab States, the end of their economic blockade and the resettlement of Arab refugees with external aid and with compensation to those who have lost their land in what is now Israel territory.

If approved, the new policy would express Labour's welcome for the new Arab regimes in the hope that they will develop into social democracies devoted to the raising of living standards and peace.



LAST PHOTOGRAPH OF BEN ZVI: Saturday afternoon studying the Talmud at his synagogue.

ISRAEL MOURNING

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the Jewish Legion that fought under Vladimir Jabotinsky on the side of the Allies.

THEATRES CLOSED

The government of Israel proclaimed a national week of mourning (Shiva) and, also, a period of remembrance of thirty days (Shloshim). All movie houses, theatres and places of entertainment in Israel will be closed for a week.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion issued a proclamation to the nation on the great loss. All factions joined the speaker at a special session of the Knesset in the eulogy for the president.

Ben Zvi was elected president of Israel for the first time on December 8, 1952. He was re-elected in 1957 and again in 1962, for a third term. He was the second president of the state of Israel, succeeding the late Chaim Weizmann.

LIVED IN SHACK

The loss of the beloved president is shared by all Israelis. He was a socialist and, simultaneously, an orthodox Jew; a Talmudic scholar and a modern historian. He lived a modest life, kept as his actual residence a shack in the Labor district of Jerusalem and would appear in his presidential residence only for official functions.

The tall, lean figure of Yitzhaq Ben Zvi was a familiar sight to Jerusalemites. The inhabitants of the Holy City would watch him every Saturday morning when he walked to his little synagogue and, again, on the Sabbath afternoon when he was accompanied to his shul by his fellow worshippers for the study period of the Talmud which he rarely missed.

He was beloved by all the people in the fullest sense of the word. His idealism, his humbleness, his love for humanity, his tolerance, became proverbial.

As Ben Gurion said in his proclamation to Israel, "Ben Zvi will be truly missed by all his brethren".

TORONTO OBITUARIES

WITKIN, Julia. On April 13th, late of 664 Woburn Ave. Services arranged by College Memorial Chapel, 331 College St.

BLUMFELD, Morris. On April 19th, late of 218 Armour Blvd.

COLDOFF, Celia (Shima). On April 12th, late of 2 Shelborne Avenue.

DOZKOVSKY, Fanny. On April 13th, late of 38 Shannon Avenue.

GOLD, Riva. On April 16th, late of 71 Castle Knock Road.

HERMOLIN, David. On April 13th, late of 134 Delaware Avenue.

KARP, Joseph. On April 29th, late of 54 Elway Court.

KNELLER, Herman. On April 16th, late of 35 Roberta Drive.

KRANGLE, Morris. On April 15th, late of 67 Collinson Blvd.

LEVY, Diana. On April 13th, late of 130 Sandringham Drive.

PARKER, Peter. On April 19th, late of 4234 Bathurst Street.

PETEGORSKY, Rev. Saimon. On April 19th, late of 25 Austin Terrace.

SILBER, Socher. On April 13th, late of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

WEINSTEIN, Meyer. On April 19th, late of 341 Markham Street.

WISEMAN, Eva. On April 17th, late of 8 Baldwin Street.

ZARNETT, Samuel. On April 18th, late of 167 Ranee Avenue. Services arranged by Park Memorial Chapel, 508 Spadina Ave.

Preserve the memory of the deceased by planting trees in Israel. An appropriate certificate is sent to the bereaved family. JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. 924-7145, 651 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

REV. SAIMON PETEGORSKY

Pioneer Of Toronto Jewry Dies

Rev. Saimon Petegorsky of 25 Austin Terrace, a pioneer of Toronto orthodox Jewry, passed away last Friday, April 19th, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital.

The father of Mr. David Peters, Q.C., a member of the Board of Directors of The Canadian Jewish News and president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Rev. Petegorsky was an ardent Zionist and, in his youth, active in building a strong, religious Jewish community.

In addition to his son, David, survivors include his widow, Sarah; children, Mrs. Celia Gary; Mrs. Charles Lea (Jean); Mrs. Abe Bohnen (Marion); Mrs. David Shopsowitz (Laura); Mrs. Mayer Belen (Molly) of Detroit; brothers, Leon, Oscar, Tevya of Ottawa, Aaron of Philadelphia; sister, Mrs. M. Dworkin of Ottawa; grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday afternoon, April 21st, at 2 o'clock at the Shomrei Shabbos Synagogue, Brunswick Avenue at Sussex Street. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

PETEGORSKY

Petegorsky, Rev. Saimon — on Friday, April 19th 1963 at the New Mount Sinai Hospital. Rev. Saimon Petegorsky, of 25 Austin Terrace, beloved husband of Sarah Petegorsky, dearly beloved father of Mr. David Peters Q.C., Board Member of The Canadian Jewish News; and Mrs. Celia Gary; Mrs. Charles Lea (Jean), Mrs. Abe Bohnen (Marian); Mrs. David Shopsowitz (Laura); Mrs. Mayer Belen (Molly) of Detroit. Dear brother of Leon, Oscar, Tevya and Mrs. M. Dworkin (Manya) of Ottawa; Aaron of Philadelphia. Survived by grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m., at the Shomrei Shabbos synagogue, Brunswick Ave., Toronto. Interment, Roselawn cemetery.

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Final returns in the B'nai B'rith campaign on behalf of the 1963 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto are expected today (Friday), it was announced by Dr. Alexander Lipson and Harry Frank, co-chairmen. Shown at a recent meeting are, in top photo (seated from left): Monte Kwinter, Samuel Gwartzman and Lou Silver. Standing (from left) are: Leslie Kert, Dr. Max Glassman, Irving Singer and David Holtzman. In bottom photo seated, from left, are Morris Bader, Gene Buckler, Robert Strom and Abe Ziskin. Standing, (from left) are: Morris Wasser, Jules Klágsbrun and Eugene Burke.

MAINLY ABOUT WOMEN

By ESTHER ZELDIN

●**Professor Howard Levine** of New York city will be keynote speaker at the annual conference scheduled by the **Union of Orthodox Sisterhoods of Ontario** on May 8th, at the **Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.**

Plans were formulated at a recent meeting conducted by conference chairman, **Mrs. Ted Waldman.**

A panel discussion on social and ethical problems confronting women today will highlight the morning sessions. Other discussion and group participation sessions have been planned for the afternoon.

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●A report luncheon for theatre night committee members of the **Women's Auxiliary, Jewish Home for the Aged and Bayerest Hospital** was held recently in the home of **Mrs. Harold Farber. Mrs. Morris Zweig** is chairman of the theatre night project.

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●**The Music Group of National Council of Jewish Women** will hold its annual Night of Music on Sunday, May 5th, at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. J M Bennett.** Guest artist will be violinist, **Gerhard Kander.**

A former child prodigy, Mr. Kander has appeared with major symphony orchestras in Canada and the United States. His accompanist will be **Gordon Kushner,** concert and television performer.

Proceeds will go towards music scholarships at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music, University Settlement School of Music, and University Settlement Music Camp.

●**Mrs. Marcus Nussbaum** will be honored as Mother-of-the-year by members of the **Mother's Association, Eitz Chaim Schools** at the closing luncheon on Sunday, May 26th.

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●Theatre Night in aid of cancer research was tendered by **Sinai Service Group.** Conveners were: **Mrs. Michael Freedman, Mrs. Roy Rubinoff, Mrs. Ben Liebesman, Mrs. Beck Fields** and **Mrs. Lou Silver.**

BOARD ELECTIONS AT ASSOCIATED

Mr. Harold Dessen, C. A., chairman of the nominations and election committee of the Associated Hebrew Schools, announces that nominees are being accepted now for the Board of Directors, elections to which are held every two years.

Installation of officers and the board will take place at the annual dinner of Associated on June 12th.

"Y" CELEBRATES ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

The senior and young adult division of the northern Y. M. & Y.W.H.A. will present a concert on Saturday evening, April 27th, at the Bathurst Collegiate on Lawrence Avenue West, in celebration of Israel's 15th Independence Day. The Travellers will be featured artists who will sing a number of Hebrew and Yiddish folk song, among other selections.

Plans were finalized at a recent dinner meeting presided over by **Mrs. Lou Tanz** in the home of **Mrs. Max Sharp.**

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●Contemporary trends in art was discussed by **Mrs. G. Bagnani** of the Toronto Art Gallery at the final lecture of the "Panorama of Canadian Paintings" sessions sponsored by the **Art Diggers Group, National Council of Jewish Women** in the Bloor St. YM & YWHA.

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●**Noar chapter, Hadassah** will hold a cocktail party on Saturday, May 4th, in the Albini Furniture Showrooms. Conveners are: **Mrs. Kenneth Silverberg, Mrs. Lewis Baker,** and the president, **Mrs. Penny Lesser.** Proceeds are in aid of Youth Aliyah.

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●A Tea in honor of Israel's 15th anniversary will be tendered by **Golda Meir chapter, Pioneer Women,** at the home of **Mrs. Max Sharp.** Conveners are: **Mrs. H. Pike** and **Mrs. I. Shendelman.** Proceeds will help support children's homes in Israel.

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●"Love—The Bible Confronts Psychiatry" was the topic of **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's** address at the Jewish Omnibus Series sponsored by the YM & YWHA., Northern Branch.

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●**Negev chapter Hadassah** will hold its annual tea on Sunday, April 28th, at the home of **Mrs. John Devor.** The chapter is comprised of business and professional women.

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● Dancers from many parts of the United States, and Canada will gather in Toronto May 9th through to 11th, for the **Toronto and District Square Dance Association's** rounds. Among those participating will be **Dr. Minnie Cohen.**

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●Sisterhood presidents and conference chairmen attended an executive meeting at the Beth **Am Congregation** to discuss the agenda of the forthcoming **National Women's League Spring Conference** to be held in London, Ontario.

Mrs. Harold Kalles is conference chairman; **Mrs. Peter Shour** is workshop chairman; **Mrs. Louis Spring,** conference treasurer; and **Mrs. Albert Binstock,** Ontario Branch president.

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●Israel's Independence Day will be marked by the **Karen Hatarbut** at a Celebration on Sunday, May 5th, at 9:00 p.m., at the auditorium at 12 Viewmount Ave.

Eliezer Dembitz, Israeli Consul will be guest of honor. The program will feature Israeli dancing, music, and a candle lighting ceremony.

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●**Sha'aron chapter, B'nai B'rith** will install its new slate of officers at the annual Mother's Day luncheon Sunday, April 28th.

Executive members to be installed by **Mrs. Charles Kay,** chairman, Toronto Women's Committee include: **Miriam Freedman,** president, second term; **Gloria Dadoun, Norma Rubinoff, Marilyn Stein,** vice presidents; **Gloria Goodis,** treasurer; **Eleanor Rosen,** financial secretary; **Marsha Reinfilder,** recording secretary; **Linda Stein,** corresponding secretary; **Devorah Brown, Florence Feldman, Barbara Grimson, Sari Krandel, Arlene Robinson, Phylis Urovitz,** trustees; **Katie Brass,** guardian; **Esther Jadd,** sentinel; **Frances Klinger,** councillor.

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●**Mother's Association Eitz Chaim Schools** held a meeting presided over by **Mrs. H. Botnick.** Reports on forthcoming Carnival scheduled for Sunday, May 12th were given by conveners, **Mrs. D. Roodman, Mrs. M. Braun;** ticket convener, **Mrs. C. Anthony;** and merchandise captain, **Mrs. K. Rotschild.**

Senior girl students presented a play and a medley of songs. Among those were: **Chaya Luria, Zloti Finer** and **Celia Sochaczewski.**

Hostesses were: **Mrs. H. Magder, Mrs. M. Neuberger, Mrs. S. Janowski, Mrs. P. Kopstick** and **Mrs. M. Weinberg.**

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● **Mrs. W. Wurzburger** conducted an executive meeting of **Ontario chapter, Union of Orthodox Sisterhoods** at the **Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.**

Reports were heard from **Mrs. S. Sigler,** purchasing braille books for the blind; **Mrs. J. Ross,** treasurer, financial; **Mrs. B. Rosenzweig,** sisterhood trips; **Mrs. Wagner,** volunteers in service work. Other members present included: **Mrs. D. Ochs, Mrs. Leon Gasner, Mrs. Ted Waldman, Mrs. A. Serota** and **Mrs. I. Franklyn.**

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●**Clanton Park Sisterhood** will hold its annual tea and fashion presentation on Wednesday May 1st, at 8:45 p.m. — Guests will be received by **Mrs. M. Neuberger,** president, and **Mrs. B. Rubenstein,** convenor.

"L'Accent Français" is the theme for the Youth Aliyah Sherry-Luncheon to be given by Rishon Chapter of the Hadassah Organization of Toronto, at the home of Mrs. Gabriel Alter on April 30th. Special features of the afternoon will be a presentation of Stella Lebel French Originals and display of fine jewellery by Mr. Sol Machat, and decor by Leisl Wolfs, Ellen Stock and Annette Naiman. Pictured in photo (from left to right): Mrs. Joseph Sagman, president; Mrs. Gabriel Alter, hostess; Mrs. Aubey Moses, convenor.

TO HEAD B.B. CARNIVAL — Harry Frank chairman of the Toronto B'nai B'rith Co-ordinating Committee, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Beatrice Kay and Mr. Sam Lusthaus as co-chairmen of the B'nai B'rith 13th annual Spring Bazaar and Carnival, to be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, at the Automotive Building in the Canadian National Exhibition. This affair is sponsored by all units of B'nai B'rith in Metropolitan Toronto area. Suzy Parker, well-known fashion model, will act as commentator for the Fashion Show.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUE NEWS

HOLY BLOSSOM

● Rabbi David Powell of Beth Zion Temple, Buffalo, New York, a native Torontonian and graduate of Hebrew College in Cincinnati, will become assistant rabbi of Holy Blossom shortly. He replaces Rabbi Jerald Bobrow who has accepted the post of rabbi at the Temple of Liberal Judaism in Monroe, New York.

● Sisterhood has its closing luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. Installation of officers will take place. An art show will be on display.

● Brotherhood will have its closing dinner meeting on Monday, April 29th. Election of officers will take place and there will be a presentation of prayer books to a large group of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. **Bill Lang,** prominent fisherman, photographer and lecturer, will be guest speaker.

● Following comprise the new slate of officers for Sisterhood for 1963-64: **Mrs. J. J. Chesnie,** president; **Mrs. L. J. Cole,** vice president; **Mrs. A. M. Winton,** 2nd vice president; **Mrs. David Sweet,** 3rd vice president; **Mrs. Louis Herman,** recording secretary; **Mrs. Earl W. Gardner,** social secretary; **Mrs. Harold E. Leslie,** corresponding secretary; **Mrs. A. A. Track,** membership secretary; **Mrs. Carl C. Cole,** treasurer; **Mrs. Harry J. Pachter,** comptroller; **Mrs. Sidney H. Banks,** dues; **Mrs. Harold L Sandler,** treasurer. Board of Directors are: Mesdames B. Borsook, M. Cooper, I. Keshen, J. J. Kirzner, G. G. Newton, R. Rosenberg, C. H. Sanders, C. A. Stone, R. D. Wolfe. Those who will serve for a period of two years are: Mesdames A. A. Epstein, L. F. Labow, S. Lubell. Mrs. Ben Rosenberg is chairman of nominations

● On April 30th, Sisterhood's Book Review Group will present Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, spiritual leader of Holy Blossom, who will review The Slave by Isaac Singer.

● The 47th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take place in Chicago November 16th-21th. Theme will be: Judaism and the Pursuit of Excellence.

BETH TZEDEC

● The annual dinner meeting of the **Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America,** will take place on Thursday, May 2nd, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst Street. Theme for the evening will be: The Responsibilities of Leadership. Speakers will be **Senator Hon. David A. Croll** and **Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg,** spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec. Officers of the Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America, are: **Bert Godfrey,** president; **Max Goody,** vice president; **Max Shecter,** vice president; **Max Stein,** vice president; **Isaac Siskind,** secretary; **J. Barney Goldhar,** treasurer. Participating congregations are: **Adath Israel,** Toronto; **Agudath Achim,** Port Colborne; **Agudath Israel,** Ottawa; **Beth Am, Downsview; Beth El,** Don Mills; **Beth El,** Oakville; **B. Emeth,** Downsview; **Beth Jacob,** Hamilton, **Beth Sholom,** Toronto; **Beth Tzedec,** Toronto; **B'nai Israel,** London, **B'nai Israel,** St. Catharines; **B'nai Israel-Beth David,** Downsview; **B'nai Moses Ben Judah,** London; **Sons of Jacob,** Belleville.

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA

● **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda** will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, April 30th. **Rabbi Joseph Kelman,** president **David Anisman** and former president of Bais Yehuda, **Al Ugar,** will participate, as well as the youth director and chairmen of all standing committees. The meeting will be dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the State of Israel.

● **Brotherhood** will have its brenkfast meeting on Sunday, April 28th. A program will be presented, dealing with United Synagogue Youth activities both in the synagogue and the region. Participating will be: **Gershon Hundred,** president of the Region; **Seymour Epstein,** past president; **Mark Okrent,** president of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda USY group.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

● On Sunday, April 28th, **Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club** will present as guest speaker **Mr. Jack Burke,** principal of the Senior and Junior Day High Schools of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto. His topic will be: The Dynamics of the Rabbinic Law.

BETH SHOLOM

● **Beth Sholom USY** was winner in three of five categories at the Toronto Jewish Youth Council Drama Festival held recently at Temple Sinai. Yehupitz, an original musical comedy based on characters by Sholom Aleichem, was considered the best produced play; **Arna Lyons** was chosen best actress; **Bob Iscove,** best supporting actor, **Leo Orenstein, Eva Langbord, Leo Ciceri** were adjudicators. Yehupits was written by **Jerry Birenbaum,** drama director of Beth Sholom Youth Department, and produced by the **Beth Sholom Youth Department.**

● **Brotherhood** will hold its 13th annual humanitarian award night dinner on Monday, May 6th. This year the award will be presented to the people of Denmark. H. E. Denmark's Ambassador to Canada, **Mr. John Knox,** will be the recipient.

ZEIREI AGUDATH ISRAEL

● Under the auspices of the **Zeirei Agudath Israel,** local and out-of-town Yeshiva students met on April 11th. About 75 students gathered at **Torath Emeth Center.** Among the speakers were **Rabbis S. Gold, W. Gordon, M. Kaplan, C. Nussbaum, M. Ochs.** The following students spoke; **C. Amzel, Telz; A. Levin,** Baltimore Ner Israel; **R. Nussbaum,** Chaim Berlin; **I. Oelbaum,** Nitra; **E. Shochet,** Beth Medrash Gevoah; **Y. Zoberman,** Toronto Ner Israel. **D. Grossman** was chairman.

ADATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

● Congregational school students will participate in a special **Hallel Service** on Sunday, May 5th, in honor of the State of Israel's 15th anniversary. **Rabbi Ervin Schild, Cantor Murray Nixon** and the **Adath Israel Choir,** under the direction of **Varda Hall,** will take part.

● **Brotherhood** held its nominations and breakfast meeting recently.

● **David Lewis, Q. C.,** will be guest speaker at the **Adult Study** discussion session on Thursday, April 25th, at 9:000 p.m. His topic will be: **Canadian Politics and the Canadian Jew.**

● Adath Israel Congregation's second **Torah Weekend,** planned for May 3rd to 5th, consists of: Friday evening service and Oneg Shabbat; Sabbath morning service with luncheon following; Saturday evening gathering and film night; Sunday, closing banquet. Participants will include **Rabbi Erwin Schild, Dr. Murray Herst** and **Pesach Shindler.**

● Passover Chol Hamoed Sabbath morning services were conducted by the **Youth Congregation.** Acting rabbi was **Daniel Schild;** cantors were **Jerry Bloch** and **Steve Speisman;** Torah reader, **Lionel Moses;** Haftorah, **Dennis Newman.**

● The 7th **Rosh Chodesh Seminar,** to be held on April 28th, will feature **David Newman, Q. C.,** Members of **U.S.Y.** will gather at 3:00 pm. in the chapel to hear **Mr. Newman** outline the movement of Hasidism.

● **Pre-United Synagogue Youth** activities will culminate on Sunday, May 5th. in the Brotherhood auditorium. The nine clubs will present a program in drama, music and dance, concerning: Israeli Independence, Sholom Aleichem, Peretz, Herzl, Jewish Youth, Torah, Lag B'Omer and Mother. **Raizel Rabinowitz** is director of activities. Advisors are: **Ellen Gordon, Sharon Davis, Laura Tonken, Karem Solomon, Eddie Troister, Sharon Brown, Donna Elkin, Hannah Grossman** and **Hinda Sussman.**

● Members of **Yavneh Club** sold more than $300.00 worth of Passover candies in their Building Spiritual Bridges project. Proceeds will go toward the building campaign of the Hebrew University Campus in Jerusalem. Membership is open to girls 13 and 14 years of age.

Seymour Epstein, past president of the Eastern Canadian Region, U.S.Y., is club advisor. Executive members include: **Barbara Waldman, Fraidel Starkman, Esther Freedman, Rhonda Nixon, Judith Schild.**

● A club for boys 13, 14 and 15 years of age is in formation.

SYNAGOGUES IN ISRAEL UNITING

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) An organisation known as The United Synagogues has been established in Israel as a roof organization for the country's 6,000 synagogues.

The decision to form a single united organisation was reached at the annual meeting of representatives of local synagogues now held traditionally during the intermediate days of Passover. Such co-operation as existed in the past between different synagogues was separate in the case of the Sephardi and Ashkenazi congregations.

Almost the first thing that the new boby did was to pass a resolution unanimously appealing to the Soviet authorities to allow Jews freedom to pursue their religion unhindered, including the setting up of synagogues and schools.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. & MRS. HENRY SPIEGAL of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **LINDA,** to **MR. GERALD SPERLING,** son of **MR. & MRS. SAM. SPERLING** of 84 Denbigh Cres., Toronto. The wedding will take place on June 9th, 1963 at 5.00 p.m. Beth Israel Synagogue, Madison, Wisconsin.

Miss Spiegal graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a B.Sc. in Anthropology. Mr. Sperling graduated from the University of Toronto in 1957 with a B.A. in Political Science and Economics. He received his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and is continuing studies towards a Ph.D in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin.

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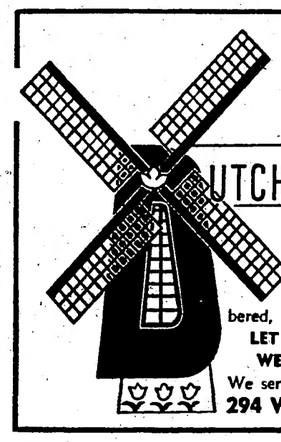

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"That's not altogether true," answered Hershel. "Sometimes we change over."

POOR ORPHAN

A rich man, who was a miser, was once asked to give a donation to buy matzohs for the poor. He gave a trifling sum to the committee.

"Your son, who is a poor man, has given more generously than you," he was told ironically.

"How can you compare me to my son?" he replied. "He has a rich father. I have no father at all."

STRICTLY KOSHER

The teacher of Scripture in a little Polish town got sick and tired of his drudgery and of suffering cold and hunger. He decided to become a robber. One day, he took a knife from the kitchen and went into the woods. Hiding behind a tree he lay in ambush for passersby. At last he saw a rich lumber dealer of the town trudging along unsuspectingly. Without a word, he threw himself upon him and raised his knife as if to stab him. Suddenly he seemed to recall something and let the knife drop to the ground.

"It's your luck," he muttered. "I just remembered that this is a **milkhig** knife!"

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CINNAMON FRUIT COMPOTE

1½ cups water
1 cup strained honey
½ teaspoon cinnamon
⅓ cup lemon juice
8 to 10 cups combination fresh fruits, diced or sliced*

Combine water, honey, and cinnamon in saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Cool. Add lemon juice; chill several hours or overnight. One or 2 hours before serving; pour syrup over fruit. Chill until serving time. Makes 2½ cups syrup.

FRUIT COMBINATION

2 cups diced fresh pineapple
1 pint box fresh strawberries, cut in half
2 oranges, sectioned, free of membrane
2 pears, pared and diced
1 grapefruit, sectioned free of membrane
1 apple, unpeeled, diced
1 cup—grapes, dark or light, cut in half, seeds removed
1 large banana, sliced

Combine fruits in a serving bowl.

TO BE INSTALLED — Murray Erlick, shown above with his wife Edythe and three children, (L. to R: Allan, Andrea, Stewart) will be installed president of the Eastern Canadian Council of B'nai B'rith at the convention which will be held in Toronto during May 4th through 7th. A charter member of Sportsmen Lodge, Mr. Ehrlick is past president of the B.B.Y.O. board of administration and speaker of the Council of Christians and Jews, as well as an active participant in other branches of B'nai B'rith.

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NEW CONTROVERSY: SHAAREI SHOMAYIM AT ITS NEW HOME.—THE FACTS.—A MORAL ISSUE?

By BERNICE DYMENT

At first study, there is a classic pattern to the current controversy which has arisen over the proposed new building-site at Bathurst and Glencairn for Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, to which the daily press has devoted considerable space in recent days. It seems that whenever a large institution, religious or otherwise, announces plans to locate itself in a residential neighbourhood, howls of protest issue forth from the collective throats of groups of local residents. This is both normal and expected, and represents the exercise of our cherished freedom of expression on any issue of community or personal concern.

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In the battle which ensues, sometimes victory is won by the residents, sometimes by the institution—sometimes depending on the facts of the case, and sometimes depending on which side discovers that one obscure technicality which swings the pendulum of justice in its own favour. By way of example, not long ago, the Council of Jewish Women had selected a site in North York for the building of a Centre. Organized protest on the part of neighbourhood residents ultimately blocked the erection of the proposed building on the basis of a minor detail in the drawing submitted by the Council—a technicality concerned with the amount of office space permitted under the existing building by-laws. In another instance, a proposed church site in Bayview Village met with opposition on the part of local residents, but to no avail. The church was built, and the sands of time have gradually muffled the rumbles of protest.

What then are the specific facts which set the case of Shaarei Shomayim apart from the usual everyday "institution versus residential" building controversy? Well, for one thing—the fact that a majority of the rate-payers involved are Jewish, and it is a vocal group among this majority which is attempting to block the erection of a Jewish house of worship. In the opinion of the spiritual leaders of our community a serious moral issue is involved here. So concerned, in fact, are members of the Toronto rabbinate over this moral issue that an emergency meeting of the "Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship for Community Affairs" was convened on Sunday afternoon to determine what action and direction to take. A decision to draft a joint statement was made, outlining the views of our rabbis on this, and any future instances involving Jewish institutions and Jewish residents in the area of such institutions.

In the opinion of one Rabbi with whom I discussed the case, it is the placing of mere selfish interests above concern for the communal good, and the implication that a synagogue is an "objectionable" addition to a neighbourhood, which is particularly distasteful. The casting of aspersion on synagogues by some Jews themselves is the basic issue.

The largest single article devoted to the controversy which has appeared in the daily press was written by a columnist who titled her piece, "I'm Against This One." Apart from the questionable propriety of a writer using her allotted space to press an issue in which she herself has a vested interest (she lives in the neighbourhood in question), it seems only fair to correct certain inaccuracies in the facts presented.

One such fact is the statement that "75 per cent of the congregation does not live within walking distance of the site." Who is to determine what constitutes "walking distance" in the observance of one's religion (or one's politics), for that matter? The "New Frontiersmen" in Washington think nothing of 50-mile jaunts, nor do a good number of Toronto students who recently participated in group "walkathons" from Barrie, and points south.

Referring to another newspaper report, it was stated that "about 150 residents packed the North York Council chamber on Thursday (April 11), protesting the synagogue." True—there were some 150 persons in the audience—but a goodly percentage of this audience comprised individuals who were present to BACK the synagogue, not to protest its proposed plans.

One technicality causing considerable argument concerns the catering services of synagogues. Does a synagogue fall into the category of a "commercial enterprise" when its facilities are used for wedding, Bar Mitzvahs, and other "simchas"?

Clearly then, this is shaping up to be a legal battle with unusual ramifications. According to Mr. Basil Hall, Ward 4 Councillor, with whom I spoke the other day, it is a case which could drag on for months, shuttling back and forth from committee to committee. At the moment, the two committees most actively concerned are those dealing with Traffic—and Parks. Because Glencairn Avenue is a "feeder road" (which means just what it says—other streets feed into it as a main artery) increased traffic in the area is a matter for serious study and concern, as it is almost everywhere in this bustling city of ours.

Taking advantage of the fact that two integral lots connected with the site purchased by the synagogue still belong to the township, the Ratepayers Association has come up with an alternate proposal — that the entire site be expropriated and turned into a park. This is why the Parks Committee of the Township is concerned with the affair. It is a fact that the ward has only one 3-acre park, but is also a fact that the specific location of the proposed site is located in a "pleasant tree-filled area" (the columnist said so herself), where a park would not fill a desperate neighbourhood need.

The next move appears to be the scheduled "on the site" inspection visit of township officials, parks and traffic committee members, Ratepayers Association and Synagogue members.

My hunch is that this is a case we will be hearing a good deal of in the coming months. And my hope is that the ultimate decision reached will be one dedicated to the good of the community —not just the neighbourhood!

HUMAN RELATIONS

Friends and Lovers

DR. ROSE N. FRANZBLAU

QUESTION: I am 18 and in love. Although this in itself is not uncommon, in my case it has created a problem.

I am in love with a girl who's 16—a senior in high school. Again, this is not uncommon.

What is? It is this; My parents have known her parents for many years. My father grew up with her father — and until recently she was just a friend to me.

Will any suspicions arise as a result of our sudden deep affection? What will the future relations of the two families be?

ANSWER: Usually, to be children of close friends is enough to make youngsters shy away from each other as if each had the plague.

To a certain extent this reaction is self-protective, and is part of the need for privacy. Each of the youngsters knows that in all probability it will be just a short-lived dating relationship. In friendships like this that come and go, there is often talk and criticism about each other when the dating come to an end. The young people do not want these recriminations voiced in their parents' circles.

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At this age, youngsters want to make their own social contacts. When they date the child of friends they feel that the two sets of parents made the match. Being "fixed up" by friends and peers their own age is different. To make friends through their parents is taken as a sign of dependency and immaturity.

The feeling between young people who have grown up together is often like that of a brother and sister. When they begin to be conscious of being of the opposite sex, they often retreat from each other. One doesn't fall in love with a member of one's own family.

There are other realistic reasons why youngsters often avoid establishing social relationships with those who are considered non-blood relatives. They feel that to become involved with such a person is to give up the freedom of coming and going as they please, and of breaking the relationship whenever they feel like it.

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It does, of course happen sometimes that children of friends do fall in love and marry. However, at 16 and 18, respectively, talk of lasting love is somewhat premature. You are both in the process of growing up. In this changing process, your feelings for each other may change, too.

What you may be suspicious of are your own motivations. This girl may be attractive and available and you may need her at this particular time. She, in turn, may like the idea of having an older boy seek her out. You have the additional advantage of being someone she knows and whom she can trust to take good care of her. The friendship of the parents is also, at this point, a real advantage.

Just liking this girl and enjoying her company is enough reason for dating her. Because the friendship between her parents and yours has lasted so long should not drive you to imitate them and to consider establishing a serious and lasting relationship between the two of you.

AFTERMATH

By RUTHIE

Thank goodness, *Pesach* (Passover) is over! Now don't get the wrong impression, God forbid. I love the festival, both the joy of family participation and the appreciation of the knowledge of what the occasion really means.

Still, when I say — thank goodness it's over for another year — I'm sure I voice the feelings of every housewife who controls the strings behind the scene.

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The first day after *Yom-Tov*, I called the butcher. His wife, who generally takes the orders, answered. During the conversation she said,

"I'm glad it's over."

Ditto the grocer's wife.

It doesn't take much of a brain to figure out why.

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The family comes to the *Seder* table expecting the best of everything. Nor are they disappointed. Then, when dinner is finished, everybody sings about the Festival of Liberation. Whose liberation? Not mine or any other *bahlabusta's* (housewife's).

I still get the chills when I think of the dishes, pots and pans I had to wash. And the *matza* crumbs which had to be swept from under the table! Then there was the new white tablecloth drenched with wine — from Elijah's cup, and the drippings of the "ten plagues."

And what about the week's fare — preparing three meals a day? It seemed as though I constantly served food without a letup. *Matza brei* (matza omelet) for breakfast, *khremzlakh* (matza pancakes, sugared) at lunch, *knaidlakh* (matza balls) at dinner. Call it whatever you wish, but the basic ingredient is still matza or matza meal.

Everytime I cooked something, the old song kept running through my mind:

....*Munntig* (Monday), *boolbiss* (potatoes); *Deenstig* (Tuesday), *boolbiss; Mittvokh* (Wednesday), *boolbiss; Dunnershtig* (Thursday), *boolbiss; Freitig* (Friday), *boolbiss; Shobbos* (Saturday), *boolbiss; oon* (and) *Zoontig* (Sunday), *nokh* (more) *boolbiss.*

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My better half says, if I serve him another bowl of *borsht* (beet soup) with sour cream and—yes, *boolbiss*—blood will flow, and no one will know the difference. (As if I care. Let him take me to the country next Passover).

I was stuck at lunchtime too. I had enough cans of tuna to form a base for several luncheon salads. But, because of the canned tuna fish scare in New York (and mine didn't remotely resemble the ones in question), my husband, who is a hypochondriac if ever there was one, threw them all out.

The kids were living it up with *Pesakhdicka* chewing gum. One day there will be probably *Pesakhdicka* ice cream.

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Five pounds of *matzas* remain. They're coming through our ears already. Nevertheless it seems as though they'll substitute for *khallas* (twists) on Friday night and *Shobbos* till I get rid of them—except when we have company.

Matzas, anybody?

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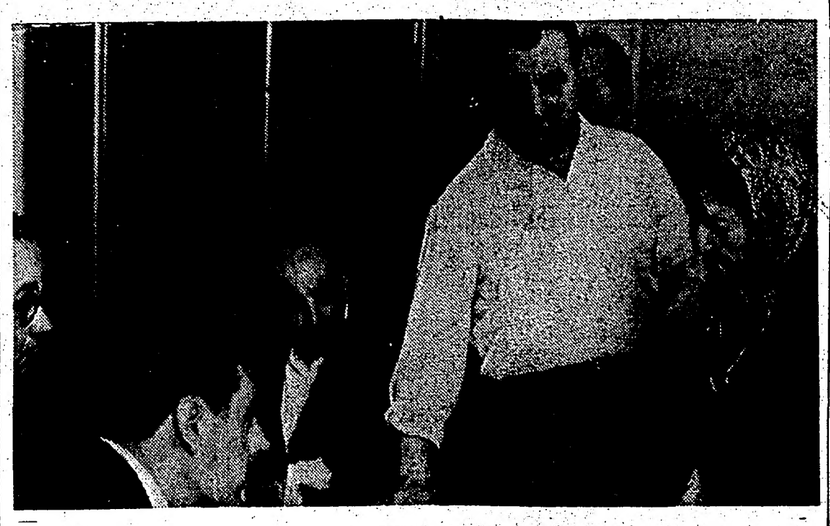

UJA HELP IN ALGERIA: With the Jewish community of Algeria reduced from 150,000 to 7,500, the aged, crippled, blind and destitute had no place to turn for help. The Jewish communal institutions which had cared for them had been closed and their families had fled to France, Into this breach stepped the Joint Distribution Committee, a beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto. An emergency welfare program was set up to aid 1,600 people, such as this elderly woman who is shown receiving her allotment. Without the aid of Joint Distribution Committee, many Jews who remain in Algeria would face starvation.

BIROBIDJAN'S JEWISH POPULATION

MOSCOW (JCNS). — Official Soviet figures now give the total population of the "Autonomous Jewish Region" of Birobidjan as 162,858. This includes 14,269 Jews who make up 8.8 per cent.

7,000 GERMANS VISITED ISRAEL

Cologne, (JCNS) — More than 7,000 West German citizens visited Israel last year, an increase of 25 per cent as compared with 1961, according to the Israeli Mission here.

Many of the German visitors worked in kibbutzim, and other settlements for several weeks, a spokesman for the Mission said. Young people made up the highest percentage and included university students and members of youth organizations. In all cases the initiative for the visits came from the Germans themselves.

NEW CONGREGATION IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Switzerland (JCNS) Geneva now has a new autonomus Orthodox congregation. "Machike Hadass," with 40 members from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Vienna.

Land has been bought in the city centre for a synagogue, Talmud Torah and other institutions to be built. A teacher from Israel has already been engaged to teach more than twenty children of the new congregation.

President of the congregation is Leon Stern, a prominent business man who was at one time on the board of Budapest's Orthodox congregation. Included among the committee is Rabbi Dr. Tibor Rosenbaum, himself the son of a Hungarian rabbi now a banker, a member of the central bureau of Zionist General Council and Liberia's representative to Unesco in Paris.

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BY JAN BART

CHAPTER III

It looked as though we were going to leave for the United States late in 1929. There were weeks of excited preparation. Practically everyone in town made extra purchases at the bakery shop — and left information about a relative who was to be contacted in places like New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Baltimore. Anything was possible, where we were going.

Suddenly many letters began to arrive from Poppa. And it was a terrible blow when we understood at last that gold was not so plentiful in the Bronx, and that my eldest brother and sister would be making the trip without us. We were to follow 'as soon as possible'.

For weeks we lived in the belief that our turn would be announced with every delivery of mail. But the weeks stretched into weary months. The only change in my routine came when Momma decided that all of us had to prepare ourselves by studying English.

Actually, there was another interminable and trying year before we boarded the train for Warsaw, where final preparations were to be made with Consular authorities.

Then, indeed, things happened much too quickly.

Before we had been in Warsaw forty-eight hours there occurred one of those sad episodes which seem to beset uprooted folk who are trying to keep themselves oriented. A young thief grabbed Momma's purse on a crowded street and disappeared with all our papers, all the notes about relatives in America, and all of our money.

So were were almost half a year in Warsaw before sums borrowed from various kin made it possible for us to leave. I don't remember much about Warsaw. A few events stay with me. But in general, I remember the great city as a series of moods and a jumble of vague impressions.

It was truly a miserable period, when there was no bakery, no Solomon's candy shop, no Silverman's dairy —and sometimes very little food. But I did attend a public school there.

Now I ask you to bear with me, for I come to a very difficult moment.

We talk sometimes of the 'pinch' of experience. Reb Meyer, of course, had applied this truth somewhat literally. But if one wanted to philosophize it would be easy to make an observation or two about life's harder knocks as beginning with real and physical blows, progressing gradually to ups and downs of social well-being — and then swinging back again to the final ailments of life's cycle.

I'm not too much for this kind of philosophizing. In the first place someone else probably said it better. Wasn't there a fellow named Shakespeare who talked about the seven stages of life? And besides, when you get to generalizing about life all you're doing is trying to make the whole quilt from one patch.

Maybe the wisest way out was the one taken by the elderly Jewish gentleman who sat drinking tea with an old crony on a winter's afternoon.

Ay-yai-yai," sighed the elderly gentleman, warming his hands around the cup and staring into the amber depths of the brew. "Ben, I'm telling you there's nothing like a cup of tea. It brings peace. You know your living when you drink it. Ben, a cup of tea is like life itself."

"And exactly what do you mean by telling me that a cup of tea is like life itself?'

"Exactly what do I mean when I say that a cup of tea is like life itself? *What do you think I am—a philosopher?"*

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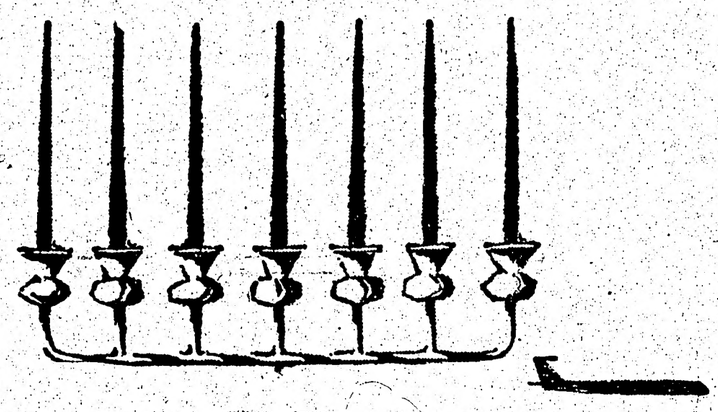

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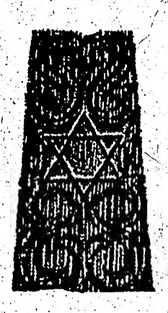

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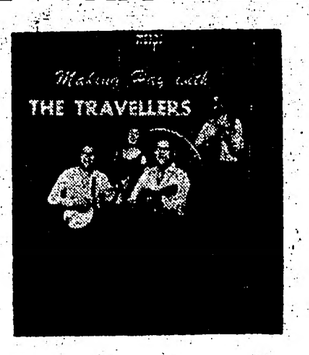

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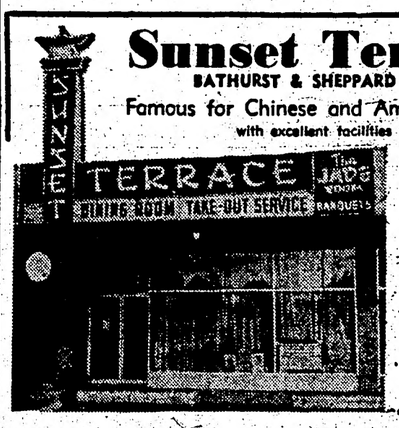

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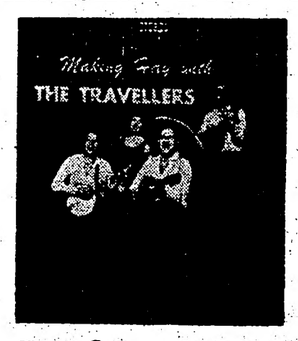

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THE YOUTH ALIYAH AUNTS' COMMITTEE completed plans recently for a Gala Sherry Party and Tea which will be held on May 7th at the home of Mrs. Harry Rubin. All "Aunts" of Youth Aliyah will be invited to attend and sign the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tribute Book. An Israeli Jewellery Fashion Show will be presented at that time by beautiful Hadassah models. Pictured from left to right, standing: Mrs. Robert Lester, Mrs. Ben Walker; seated, Mrs. Irving Posluns, Mrs. Jack E. Young. Other Youth Aliyah committee members are: Mrs. Barry E. Perlman, Mrs. Hyman Green, Mrs. Samuel Posluns, Mrs. Morris Moranis. Mrs. Harry Lindsay, Mrs. Wolfe Goldberg and Mrs. David Dennis.

YORK TORONTO LODGE B'NAI B'RITH PRESENTS CHEQUE TO THE BUILDING EXPANSION FUND OF THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED AND BAYCREST HOSPITAL. Standing: l. to r. Herbert Schaffel, Gordon Kruger, Jack Belfer, President. Seated: Morris Beckerman, Civic Affairs Chairman, Nat Gold, President of the Men's Service Group, Jewish Home for the Aged, and Walter Sheffield.

No "Lehayim" For Arabs

LONDON (CJN). — A British firm is to delete the Israeli toast "Lehayim" from anodised aluminium "Toasts of All Nations Wine Trays" exported to the Arabian Gulf.

They are substituting a Gaelic one instead. The trays bear 25 toasts from the British "cheers" to the Grecian equivalent, ranged round a picture of two hands clinking glasses.

Arabian merchants had complained about the Israeli toast appearing on trays sent to them. An Israeli Embassy spokesman said the British firm's action was "ludicrous," but an Egyptian Embassy spokesman thought it "a good idea".

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This scene from "Window on Life" shows Mrs. Alec Salzman on the left as the daughter, and Mrs. Murray Davies as the mother.

"WINDOW ON LIFE" WILL BE PRESENTED AGAIN DURING MAY

The response has been "most gratifying" for a new program service for Sisterhoods which has been initiated by the Women's Division, 1963 United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, according to Mrs. John R. Devor, division chairman.

A group of women has presented a short dramatic sketch entitled "Window on Life" at meetings of Holy Blossom and B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhoods this month, and arrangements are being made for another presentation in May. The Sisterhood Liaison committee of the Women's Division, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alvin B. Rosenberg and Mrs. Samuel Z. Donnenfield, is responsible for scheduling performances, and generally for interpreting the work of the Women's Division to Sisterhoods.

The play deals with the work of the Jewish Family and Child Service, and depicts the services given to a disturbed family by the agency. It shows how professional counseling alleviates a problem situation caused by scholastic demands made on a girl by her parents.

Mrs. Alex Platt is the producer of the current presentation and Mrs. Albert Aarons is director. Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe is the narrator and Mrs. Samuel Leibel is lighting director.

The cast is comprised of Mrs. Murray Davies, who plays the Mother; Mrs. Harold Chaplin, who portrays Aunt Doris; Mrs. Leo Smith, who takes the role of the JF and CS counselor; and Mrs. Alec Salzman, who plays the daughter.

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brew weekly sponsored but not really supported by the Histadrut Ivrit, too difficult. Strangely and tragically, there have raged a number of bitter intramural fights in the Hebrew-speaking sector for several months. Dissatisfied with "Hadoar" and its alleged estrangement from the American Hebrew reader, a vocal and aggressive majority in the Histadrut launched the new monthly in order "to show" the protagonists of the "Hadoar" orientation what can be done.

The annual budget of "Hadoar" is about $120,000 of which the Histadrut Ivrit contributed only $6,000. In view of this "inadequate support", the "Hadoar" group argues, it does not befit the Histadrut Ivrit to interfere and criticize.

Impartial observers hold that while "Hadoar" should be written in an easier Hebrew style, geared to the level of its potential readers, the real cause of its declining circulation is that the Jewish Day School graduates do not read "Hebrew for enjoyment". Together with their other school books they also discard their Hebrew texts at graduation, unless they enter a Hebrew teachers' or a rabbinical seminary.